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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,
1792-1899.

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U.S. Mint At Philadelphia,
1791-1936

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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,
1792 - 1899

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U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1873 / OCTOBER

Post Office Department.

Washington, D.C. Oct. 31st 1873.

Hon. A. R. Linderman,
Director of the U. S. Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have to request that, you will please direct the Treasurer of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, to turn over to Mr. W. M. Ireland, Chief Clerk, office Third Asst. P. M. General, the Stamp plates, rolls and dies, the property of this Department, deposited by Tappan, Carpenter & Co., late contractors for the

manufacture of postage stamps,
with the said Treasurer, on the 14th
of August 1861.

Very respectfully,
Wm. T. J. Creswell
Postmaster General

Philadelphia
Jan. 6. 1873

Received from Hon. Jas. A. Garret, Sup^r of N.Y.
that the box referred to in within order, which was
deposited at the postoffice of the N.Y. Post-Department on
Aug. 14. 1861.

James M. Ireland
at the Post-Office of N.Y.

Treasury Department.
Office of the Director of the Mint,
November 1. 1873,

The Superintendent of the
Philadelphia Mint is hereby
authorized and directed
to turn over to Mr. Wm
Ireland, Chief Clerk of
the Office of the 3^d Assistant
P.M. General, the Stamp
plates, rolls, and dies,
referred to in the within
letter of the Post Master
General, filing this
paper as his authority
therefor.

Wm. B. Underman
Director

Forster, Ludlow & Co.,

Austin, Texas, October 31st 1873.Hon: Jas. Pollack, Superintendent U.S.
Philadelphia ^{Mint}

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 24th inst.
 is received with enclosure as stated. you will
 excuse us for asking you for further
 information as regards the new trade
 dollar. The currency here being Gold
 & silver we can to advantage use
 the trade dollar. Do we understand
 you right that if we send to the Mint
 say \$500 in U. S. $\frac{1}{2}$ Dollars coined since
 1837-1853 we shall receive back \$500
 in new trade dollars less expense of
 coinage? If we are correct, please
 inform us how many dollars we shall
 have to deposit for such coinage of
 500 trade dollars, or will it be more
 advantageous to send Mexican Dollars?

Yours Respectfully
Forster, Ludlow & Co.

Lester Ludlow & Co
Austin

Tex

Oct 31. 1873

Want information
in regard to Trade
Billance,

Recd Nov 5. 1873

Blank No. 1.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

THOS. T. ECKERT, Gen'l Sup't,
NEW YORK.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't. } New York.
O. H. PALMER, Sec'y, }

Dated

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Received at

To

Wash Dc Oct 31 1873
Jas Pallack
Supt U of Mint Phila
The purchasing rate for silver
bullion payable in subsidiary
silver coin is hereby reduced
from one hundred & twenty
to one hundred & eighteen
cents per standard ounce
to take effect tomorrow

H R Lindeoman
Director of the Mint
approved am a Richardson
54 Paid Govt rate secy of the treasury

This Message just received at the Office of the
WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY,

S. E. cor. Ninth and Chestnut Sts.,

Where any reply should be sent.

Direct Wires.

Director of the Mint
Approved by the
Secy of the Treasury
Oct. 31/73

The purchasing
price of silver bull-
-ion by the Mint,
for subsidiary
silver coinage
reduced to \$18 cents
per ounce, from
Nov. 1, 1873.

Rec^d Oct 31/73

W.B.
Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 31, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th instant with enclosed summary statement for 3rd quarter of 1873.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 31/73

Ack'g rec'd of
Summary statement
of A/c for 3rd Quarter
of 1873.

Rec'd Nov. 1/73

MS.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October. 31, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The nomination of Mrs. E. R. Perkins,
as Adjuster, at a compensation of \$1⁷⁵ per
diem, submitted in your letter of the
30th instant, is hereby approved, to take
effect from the 1st Proximo.

Very respectfully,
W. Edmundson
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 31/73

Confirming app't of
Mrs. E. R. Perkins, as
Adjusted, at \$175 per
diem, from Nov. 1/73

Recd Nov. 1/73

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

Charleston, S. C., Oct 31, 1873.

Sir,

I forward herewith for recognition, &c
under Department Circular No 42 —
April 1, 1873 — Gold Coin of the Nominal
Value of Forty five ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars, & estimated
Value of Forty five Dollars —

Rec from you of John D. Collins
Coll. of Customs at the Port of Brunswick Ga.
for deposit, on acc of duties on Imports —

Very respectfully
Yours obt^l
J. D. Groves

James Pollock Esq
Director Mint
Phil.^a

Apt Mason U.S.

J. D. Geddings

Assistant Treasurer.

Charleston, S. C.,

Oct 31, 1873.

Relating to

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Forwarding of
\$45.50 Bght gold
Coin, for recon
& deposit.

(Dep Nov. 11/73)

No. of Enclosures

N.S.
Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 31, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th inst,
in relation to payment of bills
for the Robinson Medal, has
been received.

The draft will be mailed
today.

Very respectfully,
H Rodmanman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 31/73

Draft for price of
Robinson and Seward
Medal will be
mailed today.

Rec^d Nov 1/73

Treasury Department.

First Comptroller's Office,

October 31, 1873.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday relative to some discrepancies in the memorandum of balances of the appropriations for the Mint at Philadelphia for the current year, sent to you a few days since.

In reply I would state that the memorandum was erroneous as to the balance for wages and should have read \$114,233.32 instead of \$14,233.32; but was correct as to the other items.

In addition to the regular advances to you on requisitions for the payment of freight on bullion amounting to \$1233.33 there were two coin drafts - \$574.12 and \$383.57 in favor of the Adams Express Co. for transporting coin, paid out of the appropriation for

freight which account for the further
discrepancy of \$957.63

Correcting my former statement
the balances now appear thus:

Salaries	\$ 22,108.30
Wages of workmen	114,233.32
Contingent expenses	55 833.33
Specimens of Ores & Coins	500.00
Freight on bullion	2,809.04

Very Respectfully,

R. W. Taylor
Comptroller.

Hon. James Pollock
Sup. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

First Comptroller
of the Treasury
(R. W. Taylor)
Oct 31/73

Bal. & appn for
Wages is \$114,233.³²
+ statement of other
items of appn.

Recd Nov. 1/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October, 30, 1873.

Sir:

The decline in the market price of the various materials employed in bringing Silver Bullion to a condition for Coinage since the charge for coining Trade dollars was fixed, being fully equal to the alloy charge for such coin, the latter item will, until further instructions, be regarded as covered by the charge of one-half cent for each Trade dollar, and the charge for alloy will be discontinued, on and after the 1st prox.

This regulation applies only to the Trade dollar.

Very respectfully,

H. Reinderman

Director.

Approved.

M. A. Richardson

Secretary of the Treasury.

To Hon. James Pollock.

Supt. U.S. Mint. Philadelphia.

Director of the Mint

Approved by Oct 30/73
the Secretary of the Treasury.

The "alloy" charge on
Trade Dollars is merged
in the Coinage Charge
of $\frac{1}{2}$ cent on each Trade
Dollar, ~~with~~ & the alloy
charge abandoned from
Nov. 1. 1873. This only
applies to the Trade
Dollar.

Rec^d Nov. 1/73

Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., Oct. 30, 1873.

Sir:

No Report has yet been received from you of the amount of Official
Postage Stamps used and on hand for the month of Sept.
1873. You are requested to forward such Report at once. If
you have not the necessary blanks, please so inform the Department.

Very respectfully,

Chas. Lyman
Acting Chief of Stationery and Printing Division.

Supt of Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Chas. Lyman
Chief of Stationing & Printing
Rev. Treas'r kept
Oct 30/73

Wants report of
postage stamps
for Sept. 1873.

Rec'd Oct 31/73

S.G.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, Oct. 30, 1873

Sir:

In compliance with request in your letter to the Director of the Mint under date of 25.th inst, and by direction of The Secretary of the Treasury, I have you herewith Transfer Order No. 1778, in your favor on Asst. Treas. U.S. Philadelphia \$50,000. being an advance for the purchase of metals for the minor coinage under the 29.th Section of the Act of 1873.

Very Respectfully,
L. L. Tuttle
Asst. Treas. U.S.

James Pollock. Supt.
U.S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Penn.^a

L. R. Tuttle, Esq
Asst Treas. U.S.
Washington D.C.
Oct. 30. 1873.

Enclosing transfers
order No. 1778 in the
Asst Treas U.S. at Phila
for \$50,000. to pay
for Miner's Carriage
metals, under the 29th
Section of the Carriage
Act of 1873.

Rec'd Nov. 1. 1873.

Madison National Bank

London, Ohio, 30 Oct^r 1873.

W. L. Smith, Baldwin & Co. Stationers Cincinnati.

Director U S Mint Phila

Dear Sir

I hand you herein my
23609 on & \$500.00
for which I want Silver Coin.

I do not know your rules but if
you can not furnish it please return
the Draft or forward it so that I can
get the Coin from the proper place.

I wish 50 - 25 - 10 & pieces - mainly of
the larger denominations.

By your early attention you will
greatly oblige

Harford Toland
Cashier

Send to this Bank -

Haward Toland,
C^o
London &
Oct 30/73

Enclosing £ 500.
d^{ft}, for Silver
Coins.

Recd Nov. 1/73

Office of U. S. Ass't Treasurer,

Boston, Dec. 29th, 1873.

Sir

I would thank you to inform me whether the U.S. Mint is coining any small gold.

There has been a great and unexpected demand in this city for small gold coins \$1.⁰⁰, \$2.⁵⁰ & \$5.⁰⁰ during the past two months.

Very Respectfully
F. Haven
U. S. Asst. Treas.

Hon. J. Pollock,
Supt of U.S. Mint,
Phila.

F. Harsen Jr

Ass't Treasurer.

Boston,

Oct 29^d, 1873

~~Relating to~~

Enquiring if the
Mint is coining
any small gold.

Has a great de-
mand for \$1⁰⁰, \$2⁰⁰,
& \$5⁰⁰ —

No. of Enclosures

Oct 29. 1873,

My dear Sir,

I have completed my
report and will hand it to the
Sec. Nov. 1st. I have a blank
space for stating the amount of
Philad.^a Comage for Octbr. Will
You please send statement of the
Comage after the close of business
on 31st inst so that I will
receive it on the morning of
Nov. 1.

I will try ^{to} send you
Cal. Commission in a day or two,
will so that you if we can
get the silver business in shape

Respectfully
H. R. Linderman

Wm Jas Follett,

I suppose the mail has
been the copper notice

Director of the Mint
Oct 29/73

Wants Coinage for
Act. on the 31st
Will try and
send California
Commission in a
few days to
Must decide
on proposals for
Mint Coinage
metals.

Recd Oct 30/73

Hon James Pollock

Superintendent U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

Accounting to business
in the West that will require my
time for the next six months I hereby
tender my resignation to take effect
on the 31st day of October 1878

In resigning the position I have held
in the U.S. Mint for four years
and eight months I must respect-
fully acknowledge the courteous and
gentlemanly treatment I have received
from the Superintendent Chief Coiner
and Officers of the U.S. Mint for
which I will always hold them in
grateful remembrance I also

acknowledge many acts of kindness
shown me by the foremen with whom
I have been intimately associated
viz Mr John Reed & Mr Henry Gmest

Yours Most Respectfully

J. Sharon Castle

J. Sharon Castle
Rolly Room.

Resignation to take
effect on the 31st of Oct,
1873.

Oct 28/73 Accepted

H. C. LEWIS,
President.

D. B. DENNIS,
Vice Pres't.

GEORGE STARR,
Cashier.

Coldwater National Bank,

Coldwater, Mich.,

Oct 28 1873

*U. S. Mint
Phila*

Dear Sir:

I enclose my Draft

No. 43,397 on Third Nat'l, N. Y., \$ 500,

Exchange and Collection,

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In payment collection:

*for which please send
me 1/2 1/4 & dimes silver
Coins*

Received with your letter, inst.

Yours Respectfully,

Draft enclosed **GEORGE STARR,**

Cashier.

Coldwater N.H.
Coldwater
Mch

Oct 28/73

Send \$ft for small
Silver. \$ft returned

R. Dec 31/73

Mint of the United States.

Hon^{ble} Jas. Pollard
Superintendent Philadelphia, 28 October 1873
Dear Sir

In regard to the weight of invoice No. 62
Our scales are examined daily and if necessary
adjusted. They were examined on the morning
invoice No 62 was weighed and there was no
evidence of anything wrong about them.

The weight was examined by three persons
and three separate entries of the weights
made. They were compared separately and
the additions were the same.

The discrepancy in the weight was noticed
and search made for a piece but nothing could
be found. The bullion was delivered to the Mel-
ter & the piece as weighed and copper added
& a part already in the crucible so that
we could not reweigh but our weighing was
so thorough in the first ~~place~~ instance
that a second weighing would seem unneces-
sary.

Very Respectfully Yrs at the Mint
H. S. Cochran

Weigh Clerk

H. S. Cochran
Weigh clerk

U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia
Oct 27th 1873

Discrepancy in weight
of invoice to 62. from
N. Y. Assay office

Recd Oct 27th 1873

HALF RATE MESSAGE.

Pacific and Atlantic Telegraph Co.

OF THE UNITED STATES,

INTRODUCED THE SYSTEM

Of sending Messages after 6 P. M., to be delivered
the following morning, at

99

One-Half the Regular Rates.

NEW & DIRECT LINES TO ALL PRINCIPAL POINTS.

Dated *Louisiana Mo Oct 28* 187

Rec'd. at 303 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, 187

To *Director of the Mint*

*What rate can one thousand Dollars
silver quarters be had*

A M Wier
Cashr.

10/25 75
nite

A. M. Wier, Co.
Louisiana
Mo.

Oct 28/73

At what rate
can silver quarters
be had.

(Telgram)

Recd Oct 29/73

W.S.
Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 28, 1873.

Hon James Pallock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa

Sir:

The increase in the compensation of the following named employes, recommended in your letter of the 25th instant, is hereby approved to take effect from the 1st prox:

John F Money, Messenger, Genl Department,
from \$5.50 to \$6.⁰⁰ per diem.

C B Hare, Assayer's Dept, from \$5.⁵⁰ to \$6.⁰⁰ per d.

Andrew Stief, Coiner's Dept, from \$4.⁰⁰ to \$4.²⁵ per d.

J B Cowden, Carpenter, from \$4.⁷⁵ to \$5.⁰⁰ per d.

Danl S. Fuller, Coiner's Dept, from \$3.⁵⁰ to
\$3.⁷⁵ per diem.

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Atterson Du Bois, Assayer's Dept, from
\$5⁰⁰ to \$6⁰⁰ per diem.

Alexander E Outerbridge, Assayer's Dept,
from \$4⁵⁰ to \$5⁰⁰ per diem.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 28/73

Approving increased
per diem of John T.
Monroe, and to other
Employees of the Mint.
to take effect Nov. 1/73

Recd Oct 29/73

J. E. SCHWARTZ,
Gen'l. Manager and Treas.

CHAS. LOCKHART,
President.

J. B. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

PITTSBURGH SMELTING & REFINING CO.

Office 137 First Ave Pittsburgh

~~P. O. Address,~~
~~188 South Canal St.~~
~~Allegheny, Pa.~~

Pittsburgh
Allegheny, Oct 28th 1873.

Director. U. S. Mint
Philad^a.

Dr Sir.

We are producing Silver in pretty large quantities & heretofore have disposed of our product in New York.

Should the difference in returns be small we have thought of sending a shipment to you for coinage in dollars, half dollars, & quarters. Will you please inform me what returns I may anticipate for every hundred ounces Silver of say 990 fineness, & also ~~in~~ what time may be required for mintage. An early reply will confer a favor upon

Yours truly

J. E. Schwartz
Genl Manager & Treas^r

Pittsburgh Smelting
Refining R. E. Schwartz

Oct 28/73

Relation to returns of
Silver 990 fine, & time
required for coinage

W.S.
Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 28, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of November, 1873, has been approved for the sum of \$48,158.34, from the following appropriations:

Salaries, 1874,	\$ 3,158.34
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Wages of Workmen, 1874,	35,000.00
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Contingent Expenses, 1874,	10,000.00
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The requisition has been made "Special".

Very respectfully,
H. R. Anderson
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 28/73

Special requisition
for Nov. 1873,
for \$48,158³⁴ rec^d
+ approved.

Rec Oct 29/73

Office of U. S. Ass't Treasurer,

Boston, Octo. 27th, 1873.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge receipt
this day of ~~lot~~ of Deposit # 214 (in
duplicate) for \$1258.²³ Gold Coin
forwarded to U.S. Mint on the 15th inst.

Very Respectfully
T. Howard
U.S. Asst. Treas.

Jas Pollock Esq.
Supt of
U.S. Mint,
Phil^a

F. Haven Jr

Ass't Treasurer.

Boston,

Octo 27, 1873

~~ack'd rec'd of~~

Relating to

City of Deposit

214 for \$1258 $\frac{2}{100}$ $\frac{3}{100}$

gold coin, received.

No. of Enclosures

Rec Oct 29 / 73

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.,

New Orleans, La.

October 27th 1873

Hon. James Pollock,
Superintendent of Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt, this day, of your
favor of the 22^d Inst. transmitting trip-
licate Certificates of deposit for \$426.¹⁸/₁₀₀
Coin in the name of Call. Reynolds at
Mobile, Ala. Also, the Mint Memoran-
dum shewing the net result of the re-
coinage of ^{the} \$430. Gold coin shipped to
your address on the 17th Instant.

Very Respectfully
J. H. Taylor
Acting Secy. U. S. M. & T.

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
NEW ORLEANS, LA.,

Oct 27, 1873.

J. H. N. Taylor
Acting Assistant Treasurer.

Acting recd 7 ~~16~~
in triplicate for \$426¹⁸
fold, note proceeds of
\$430. received for
bill of Customs, Mobile, Ala.
by order of the atms

No. of Enclosures, —

Thos. A. Vyse Jr., President.

H. H. Nazro, Cashier.

John T. Hill, ~~Cashier.~~
V. PRESIDENT.

The Ninth National Bank.

New York Oct 27 1873

Jas Pollock

Esq.

Director U.S. Mint.

Dear Sir,

I inclose you draft
on Central Nat. Bk Phila. \$500.
for which please send to the
First National Bank
at Friendship N.Y.
Silver Coin as follows;
\$100. in 10¢ pieces
200 in 25¢ pieces
200 in 50¢ "
\$500. This order is given at the request
of Nat Friendship, Yours truly

H. H. Nazro Cas
for B. Shreve

Ninth Nov 31
New York

Oct 27/73

Enclosing draft for
small silver coin

R. Oct 28/73

WILLIAM A. PEW, President.
GEORGE R. BRADFORD, Cashier.

CAPITAL, \$120,000.
SURPLUS, \$95,000.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GLOUCESTER.

Gloucester, *Oct 27* 1873.

To The
Director of the Mint Esq.,

Cashier,

Dear Sir:

I enclose for *Small coin my check*
on 1st National Bank of Boston
for one thousand dollars for
which please send me by Express

<i>100 dollars in</i>	<i>1 cent pieces</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>100 "</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>100 "</i>	<i>25 "</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>100 "</i>	<i>5 "</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>100 "</i>	<i>10 "</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>300 "</i>	<i>25 "</i>	<i>300</i>
<i>300 "</i>	<i>50 "</i>	<i>300</i>
		<i>\$1000</i>

If the packages do not come made up
in 100 dollar packages you can
arrange it to suit yourself I mean
to pay over the change amongst our
Fishermen

Respectfully Yours,

George R. Bradford, Cashier.

First Natl Bk
Gloucester
Mass
Oct 27/73

Drapt for small
Silver coin

R Oct 27/73

Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

27th October, 1873

Hon. James Pollock
Suptd U. S. Mint

Dear Sir,

I herewith return the
Wages-book, having reviewed the
amounts entered for the Month to
the 24th Inclus. as is usual.

Altho the total amount may seem
large, it is nevertheless due to the
men, and it is even moderate for
the amount of work done. You
will please to observe, that men have
been known to work hard for 16 hours
per day for a limited period, while
ours have not averaged that amount,
and I would rather not have taxed

them to that extent, at the risk of
carelessness & haste. Some days our
men have been at work from 6 A.M.
until after midnight, & again at
work at 6 the next morning, or rather
a few hours after. It is customary in
most manufacturing establishments to
allow what is called time & half time
for work over the time fixed for day's work.
In such case some of our men would have
made the anomaly of 32 hours in 24.
I think that the wear & tear of life for
much over-work is scarcely compensa-
ted by time & half time. Nevertheless
we have not asked for that amount
in the account presented, which seems
to me moderate considering the results
of their work condensed in 2 or 3 weeks.

Respectfully yours
J. C. Booth

Jas. C. Boothe
M.A.K.
Oct 27/73

Explaining the
over time charged
by the workmen.

Recd Oct 27/73

Oct 27.

Hon. James Pollock

Dear Sir

My two young men have been paid to-day at the old rate; & I must earnestly express the hope that they will not be passed by; as you informed me verbally, in answer to a previous request, that they would not.

There is an increasing reason & propriety in it, in the prospect of a great deal of silver assaying.

They are faithful & diligent, and do the most difficult kind of work, & surely ought ^{not} to be ~~said~~ worse paid than some of our messengers are.

Very respectfully
W. Edw. Boiss
Assayer

W. E. DuBois
Assayed
Oct 27/73

Complaining
that the pay of
his two young
men had not
been increased.

Rec Oct 27/73

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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THOS. T. ECKERT, Gen'l Sup't,
NEW YORK.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't,
O. H. PALMER, Sec'y, } NEW YORK.

Dated *Washn DC Oct 27* 187*3*

Received at *1152*

To *James Pollock Sup't*
US Mint Pha

The plan of operations indicated by me verbally on Saturday will be put in force instructions by mail today

H R Linderman
Director of
Post Rate The Mint

 This Message just received at the Office of the
WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY,

S. E. cor. Ninth and Chestnut Sts.,

Where any reply should be sent.

Direct Wires.

Silver Purchase Fund

x

\$ 341.287.08

Silver due New York
Assay Office - Viz -

For Trade Dollars

\$ 42.138.04

" Subsidiary Coin

116.570.18

Gold due Assay Office N.Y.

\$ 3.312.109.65-

Gold due U.S. Asst. Treas N.Y.

\$ 2.416.370.72

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 27, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa

Sir:

I have your letter of the 25th
instant.

You will make immediate
arrangements for conducting the
coinage until further advised,
according to the basis stated in
your letter. ^(Oct 25) This is not to be
understood as interfering with the
completion into double eagles of
bullion prepared for that purpose
and now in course of manufacture.

You will commence the coinage
of

2
of the subsidiary silver without
delay.

Please inform me immediately of the amount of your silver bullion fund and amount due for trade dollars and silver purchases, (itemizing as to the assay office); also amount of gold coins due the Assistant Treasurer at New York and assay office respectively.

The mint will as at present be run to its full capacity on the plan herein indicated.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

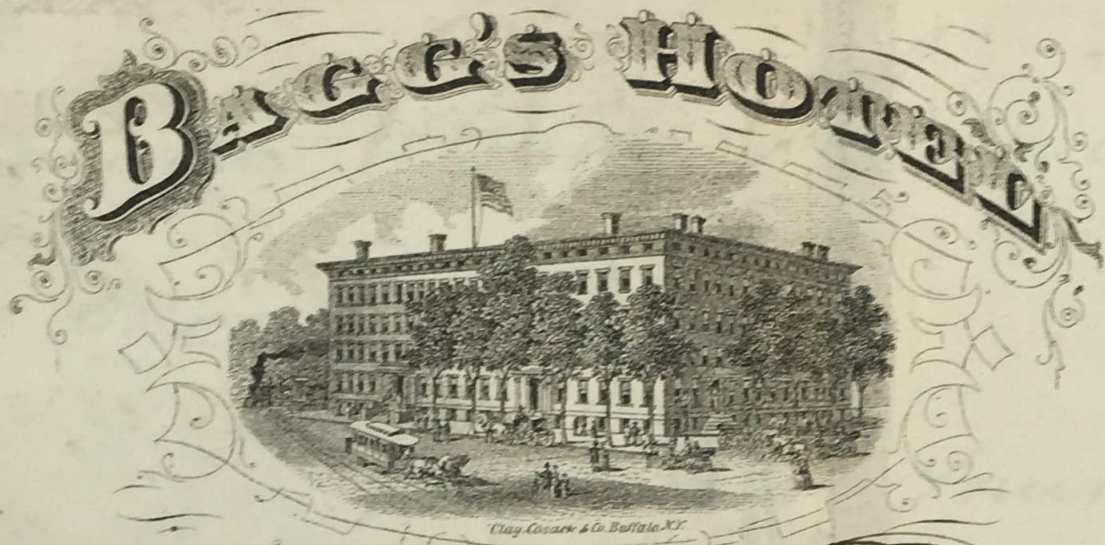
Director of the Mint
Oct 27. 1873

Approving Schedule of
Coinage suggested in Sup't's
letter of Oct. 25. (Gold
\$1,000,000 per month; Silver
\$600,000. per month.) - Gold
for D.C. already prepared to
be finished up

Subsidiary Silver
Coinage to be commenced
immediately. The Mint
to be run to its full capac-
ity on the new schedule.

Wants Statement of the
Amt of the Silver Bullion
Fund; amt due for T. D. &
Silver purchases; & amt due
N.Y. assay office, & Asst
Treas. U.S. at N.Y.

Rec'd Oct 28/73



PRIVATE OFFICE.

Utica, N.Y. Oct. 25, 1873.

Mr. A. Sawyer,

My dear Sir;

I am extremely anxious
to obtain five hundred
trade dollars - & will
be greatly obliged to
you if you will
inform me how I

N. G. J.

Respectfully re-
ferred to the Su-
perintendent of the
U.S. Mint at Phil-
adelphia.

H. R. Anderson

Director of the Mint.

O. W. Mint.

Oct 29. 73

R. Oct 30/73

Can obtain them at
once.

Very truly yours,
J. D. Potter.

If possible please
send them by Express
C.O.D. or telegraph &
I will remit amt
on N.Y. or currency.

P-21-00m 1873
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a/3
TREASURY DEPARTMENT
RECEIVED OCT 28 1873

Utica, N. York

Oct 25. 1873

J. R. Proctor

Wishing to obtain
500 trade dollars.

Wm
A. H. G.

Genl Dept
Oct-28-93

Respectfully referred
to the Director of the
Mint
H.
159.

H. Frank
Acting Chief Clerk

OFFICE DIRECTOR OF THE
MINT
OCT 29 1873
RECEIVED

Mail

Mint of the United States,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, Oct. 25th 1873.

Hon James Pollock
Superintendent.

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit herewith the statement of the coinage for the week ending this day-

I have the honor to remain

Very Respectfully

Yr. Obl. Serv

A. Loudon Snowden

Coiner

B.

Al Snowden Comr
Utter
Oct 25/73

Statement of Coinage
for the week ending
Oct 25/73

R Oct 25, 1873



B. F. Stevens,
17, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden,
London. 25 Oct 1873

Hon James Pollock
Governor

U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir,

Philadelphia

Since the receipt of your
favour of July 9th I have
tried to procure for you the
specimens of coinage of
various countries that you
desire to receive and in
reply to several applications
that I made in different
channels for them I am
informed that of the Australian
Coinage of 1872/3 no pieces have
been seen yet in this country.
The new silver coins of the
German Empire are not yet
issued but I am promised

that some shall be sent to me
immediately they are out -

The new gold Union coin
ordered by a Convention of
Sweden Denmark and Norway
will not be issued until the
beginning of next year when I
shall receive some specimens.

I shall send you all of
the specimens you desire at
the earliest possible moment,

In the mean time if
I can be of service to you
in any other way I beg you
will not fail to command me

I am dear Sir

Yours very truly

B. F. Stevens

B. L. Stevens
London

Oct 25. 1873

In relation to
specimen coins
of various coun-
tries

Rec^d Nov 5, 1873

Int

United States Assay Office,

New York,

October 24 1873.

Sir:

Referring to the Gold memorandum #735 accompanying your letter of the 22nd inst., and corresponding with our Invoice #62 in which the gross weight is stated as 80,159.42 oz. and in your memorandum as 80,157.28 as the weight before melting, showing a discrepancy of 2.14 oz. I have to say that this difference must arise from incorrect weighing, or incorrect balances. Our balances are adjusted once in every month.

This Invoice was first weighed on those of the Melter & Refiner, and the weight checked on those in the receiving room by the bar clerk and we have every reason to rely upon its correctness. I will thank you for any explanation that will reconcile this difference.

Hon Jas. Pollock.

Supt. U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Very respectfully

Thos. C. Acton
Superintendent.

Supt N.Y. Assay Office
(Acting)
Oct 24/73

Asks & explanation
of deficiency of
2.14 ozs. in Assay
Office Gold Invoice
No. 62 - Mint Mem-
-orandum No. 735.

Rec Oct 25/73

Adam Smith & Son, Bankers.

S. W. Corner State & Washington Streets.

Adam Smith

Pierson D. Smith

First National Bank Building.

Chicago Oct 21 1873

James Pollock Esq
Superintendent U S Mint
Philadelphia Penn.

Dear Sir

We have this day received silver coin in return for bullion shipped the Mint through the First Nat. Bank here amtg. to \$32,552.⁰⁰ We find there are but \$1906. in quarters and no dimes at all. We are particularly anxious to get dimes and quarters in order to make complete change without using postal currency not only for ourselves, but for other banks whom we expect to furnish. If it is possible for you to give us a proportion in small denomination it will greatly oblige us. We will ship to the mint tomorrow about 28000 ozs silver & will continue to ship until there is a material change in the premium on gold.

Yours Respectfully
Adam Smith & Son

Adam Smith & Son
Chicago
Ill

Oct 24/73

Want Silver dimes

R Oct 27/73

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, 24 October 1873

Hon. James Pollock

Superintendent

Dear Sir

I have the honor to
report to you that Mr Wm. S. Steele
in the Weigh Room has made
Eleven & a half ~~days~~ over time
during this month.

Very Respectfully

Yr Obedt. Servt.

W. S. Lockman

Weigh Clerk

Henry S. Cochran.

Certifying over time of
Wm S. Steele, in Depos-
its Room for October
1873.

Given Oct 24/73

Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA.

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

24 October. - 1873

Hon James Pollock
Suptd U. S. Mint

Dear Sir,

Estimating from the amount of the metals entering into the minor coinage of the last year, & making deductions for recoinage or cleaning old coins, - the quantity required for the coming year will be.

Coin	Copper	Nickel	Tin	Zinc
5-cent	50,000 lbs.	10,000 lbs.	—	—
3-cent	4,000 "	1,000 "	—	—
1-cent	70,000 "	2,400	2400 lbs.	1600 lbs.
	124,000 lbs	11,000 lbs.	2400 lbs.	1600 lbs.

Respectfully yours

J A C Booth

Commercial
Best Lake Copper
50,000 lbs.

Nickel
5000 lbs.
Tin
2000 lbs.
Zinc
1500 lbs.

J. C. Booth
MOR Union
Oct 24/73

Amount of Metal
required for Miner
Coin for next year

Recd Oct 24/73

Mint of the United States,

~~CHIEF~~ COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, October 23^d 1873.

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent.

Sir;

Referring to my letter of Sept. 25, nominating Thomas R. Jefferson, to a position in the Coining Room, I desire most respectfully to again bring the matter to your attention. I require the services of an additional man in this room, and am exceedingly anxious that Mr. Jefferson should receive the appointment. Outside of the Official importance of having the place filled, I feel no personal ^{interest} in Mr. Jefferson himself, but am more than anxious to oblige his father, who has on many occasions proved himself to be a most skillful and trustworthy man, and has rendered the Institution, in my judgment, invaluable service.

I am Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt. Servant

A. Loudon Snowden
Coiner.

A. Landon Snowden &
Coins

Oct. 23/73

Nominating
Thos. R. Jefferson for
appointment to a
position in the
Coining room

Recd Oct 23/73

Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA.

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

22nd October. 1873

Hon. James Pollock
Director U. S. Mint

Dear Sir,

We have experienced great difficulties for several years past in obtaining a sufficient supply of water from the City pipes for our use in the manufacturing operations of the Mint. With the heavy press of business of the past year up to the present time, the supply has been so deficient that the quality of work has suffered, & a large quantity of silver has been remelted, because there was not enough water obtainable to wash off the impurities from the surface of Ingots, especially those of silver.

We shall therefore be obliged either to make larger attachments to the

city pipes, to obtain barely sufficient water for our use, or to sink a deep well & cut off the City supply, or use it only in part.

The City supply costs us \$580 = per annum, & with larger attachments. would of course cost more. This represents a capital of \$9600 = at least.

I believe that a so-called Artesian well could be sunk on the Mint grounds, and water obtained at a depth of less than 300 feet. with an expenditure of not more than \$5000 = & possibly half that amount.

Many such wells have been sunk in Phil^a within a few years past, on the score of economy, and in nearly all of them good water has been obtained of an abundant flow, at a depth of from 100 to 300 ft.

To obtain an abundant supply of good water, I think the Government would be warranted in venturing upon a deep well, on the score of economy alone. very truly yours
J A C Booth

Prof Booth
M + R

Oct 22nd 1873

Suggesting an artesian
for the Mine

Rm Oct 23. 1873

Recd.
Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 21, 1873.

Hon James Pallock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa

Sir:

The four copies of the old
mint laws, requested in letter
of 18th inst, have been received,
for which accept my thanks.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Directed by the Mint
Oct 21/73

Acq'd rec'd 4 copies
old Mint Law - Bill
of 1867. —

Rec'd Oct 22/73

W.S.
Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 21, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. mint,
Philadelphia Pa

Sir:

You will please report without delay on the points referred to in a letter of the Secretary of the Treasury dated 22nd of March last, in relation to abrasion of the gold coin sent to the mint for recoinage—particularly as to the extent to which your trials of split and filled pieces were carried, and the result thereof.

Very respectfully,
H. Bowman

Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 21/73

Wants report without
delay, as per Sec'y's
letter of 22 Oct/73
of the results of ex-
amination & experi-
ments with regard
to the abrasion & filling
of light gold coin
sent for recoinage.

Rec Oct 22/73

W.D.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Oct. 20. 1873.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your communication of the 18th inst. and to
inform you that the enclosed letter and \$
for \$1.05, have been forwarded to the Secretary
of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 20/73

A/c + b/d. \$71.05
for old materials
Sold have been
rec'd & forwarded to
the Secretary of
the Treasury.

Rec Oct 21/73

New York Oct 20 1873

Dear Sir.

If you ^{have} copies to spare you will oblige me by sending per mail to my address - 7 Broadway. The Lane of Congress in relation to mints & currency for the first act in 1792 to the close of the last Congress.

In addition to the above I should like to receive any printed matter that you may have to spare in relation to international currency.

I have understood that you were of the opinion that the general government could soon resume & maintain specie payments. If we have published any thing on that subject a copy of that would be very acceptable, I have no doubt but it can be done - let it seem to me advisable to adopt and put in operation some preparatory and ensuring measures. I shall be much pleased to hear your views on this and any financial matters. Yours very truly

To
Director of U.S. Mint }
Philadelphia }

James A. Cowan
(over)

The New York Elevated Rail Road Company,

NO. 7 BROADWAY,

(Near Bowling Green.)

New York, February 26, 1873.

DEAR SIR:

Inclosed please find a Time Table according to which we are now running our trains.

We now take and leave passengers at Broadway, near Bowling Green, at Morris, Dey, Franklin, Canal, Twelfth, Twenty-first and Twenty-ninth streets. Our trains, four in number, consist of a Dummy Engine and two cars each train, all made expressly for our own use, and capable of seating nearly one hundred passengers; we take only what can be seated. We could carry 8,000 passengers per day with our present facilities, but as yet we do not average quite 3,000.

For a short time in the morning; our trains running south from Twenty-ninth street are full and we are compelled to shut out some. This is also the case in some parts of the afternoon with our trains running north.

With the exception of these three or four trains each way, we are able to take all the passengers that come to our stations. We invite you to call and ride on our road, see what we have done and are doing towards solving the problem of rapid transit; and if you will call at our principal office, No. 7 Broadway, we will give you all the information in our power as to our future purposes.

We can make the trips (three and a half miles) and make all the stops in seventeen minutes, and if necessary, even in fifteen.

Among our Stockholders are the following well known citizens and firms:

JOHN F. TRACY, Esq.,	DAN'L TORRANCE, Esq.,	WILLIAM E. DODGE, Esq.,	MESSRS. MORTON, BLISS & Co.,
ALFRED S. BARNES, "	STEPHEN H. THAYER, "	JAS. B. JOHNSTON, "	" BABCOCK BROS.
JAS. W. ELWELL, "	ALONSON TRASK, "	EDWARD C. DELEVAN, "	" PHELPS, DODGE & Co.
WALTER S. GURNEE, "	T. C. DURANT, "	J. Q. PREBLE, "	JOHN H. HALL, Esq.,
JAS. R. JESUP, "	A. G. TRASK, "	W. S. BURNS, "	MORRIS K. JESUP, "
WM. L. SCOTT, "	H. SCHUCHARDT, "	SAM'L D. BABCOCK, "	ROBERT P. GETTY, "
A. H. BARNEY, "	HARVEY KENNEDY, "	DAVID DOWS, "	H. F. SPAULDING, "
F. H. TOWS, "	D. N. BARNEY, "	JAS. A. COWING, "	F. N. BANGS, "
GEO. HOWARD MARVIN,	JOHN D. MAIRS, "	WM. L. WALLACE, "	W. H. FOGG "
MILTON COURTRIGHT,	A. S. BARNES, "	JNO. H. COWING, "	

JAS. A. COWING, SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

Jas. A. Lawing ^{Pres.}
7 Broadway
N. Y.
Oct 20. 1873.

Wants - all the about
Law down to the
present time.

Also printed doc-
-uments relative to
international crim-
-age.

And views with
regard to the redemp-
-tion of specie pay-
-ments.

Rec'd Oct 21/73

Abt.
Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 18, 1873.

Hon James Ballack,
Capt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa

Sir: I have to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 17th inst, enclosing revised tables of foreign gold and silver coins, with explanatory remarks, for which you will please accept my thanks.

Very respectfully,

H Robinson
Director

Director of the Mint
Oct 18/73

Ack'g recd of
revised Tables of
Foreign Coins, with
thanks.

Recd Oct 20/73

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

THOS. T. ECKERT, Gen'l Sup't,
NEW YORK.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, } NEW YORK.
O. H. PALMER, Sec'y, }

Dated Washington Oct 18 18^r

Received at 401

To Mr. Pollock

Supr Mint Phila

On a second and
more careful reading
of the assayers
report I have concluded
to print it in appendix

H. R. Linderman

29th Street Mint

☒ This Message just received at the Office of the
WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY,

G. G. G. G.
S. E. cor. Ninth and Chestnut Sts.,

Where any reply should be sent.

Direct Wires.

Paper of the Director of the Mint
Oct 18/73

Will print Assay's
Report (on the prevention
of frauds on our gold
coins) in the Appendix.

Rec Oct 20/73



Opposition Line! Prices Reduced!

Franklin Telegraph Co.

Lines East, West, North & South.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission shall be written on the message blanks of the Company under and subject to the conditions printed thereon.

JOHN DUFF, President.

E. D. L. SWEET, Exec. Manager.

BLANK No. 1.

By Telegraph from
 Wash D C
 1873
 Sept 18
 1873
 Please return statement of
 melt of abraded coin at
 New York & send similar
 one for your mint today
 if possible with complete
 all we need for the report.
 H R Linderman
 42 and 42 at Director
 of the Mint

This message has just been received at the office

NEW BUILDING

N E Cor 2nd & Chestnut Sts.

Opposition Line! Prices Reduced!

Telegraph Co.

Lines East, West, North & South.

Director of the Mint
Oct 18/73

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission shall be written on the message blank of the Company under and subject to the conditions printed thereon.

JOHN DEERE, President. E. D. L. SWEET, Vice President.

RECEIVED No. 1.

Wants N. Y. State
mint of a graded
gold coins Actively
of Phil a statement
furnished to day, in
time for annual
report.

Rec'd Oct 18/73

W.B.

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 18, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa

Sir:

I will thank you to
send me 3 or 4 copies of
the old Mint laws, in pamph-
let form, for the use of this
office.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 18/73

Wants 3 or 4
copies of the old
Mint Law, for
the use of the
Bureau.

Rec'd Oct 20/73

Mint of the United States,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, Oct. 18th 1873.

Hon
James Pollock
Superintendent.

Sir;

I have the honor to
transmit herewith the Statement
of the Coinage for the week end-
ing this day.

I have the honor to remain
Very Respectfully

Yr. Obedt. Servt

A. Gordon Snowden
Coiner
B.

A. L. Snowden
William's
Oct 18/70

Statement of Coenage
for week ending 18th
of October

R Oct 18/70

INVOICE, No. 66

Statement of Deposit Gold BULLION transmitted to the
 UNITED STATES MINT, for Coinage, pursuant to Act of ~~March~~ ^{Coinage} 1873, by
 Thomas C. Acton, Supt. ~~Treasurer~~ of the United States Assay Office.

New York, October 17th 1873.

Ten BOXES, No. 1@10 CONTAINING 120 BARS.

Description.	Numbers.	Pieces.	Gross Weight.		Fineness.	Standard Weight.		Value.	
			Ounces.	Dec.		Ounces.	Dec.	Dollars.	Cts.
<i>Phil. no.</i> Sovereigns 1021	3132	14	4395	63	916	4395	52		
"	2	3	4482	76	916 1/2	4482	58		58
"	3	4	3935	43	916	3935	19		
"	4	3145	4383	72	916 1/2	4383	43		
"	5	6	741	65	916 1/2	741	42		
"	6	3153	2560	25	916 1/2	2560	10		
"	7	4	1282	80	916 1/2	1282	60		
"	8	3161	4405	25	916	4405	10		
"	9	2	3279	78	916	3279	59		
Special Melt	N ^o 53	21	5015	90	991 1/2	5015	68		
		120	34483	17		34481	21		
						35524	455	660	920 09

Less 1/5% Coinage 1321 84
 659 598 25

Payable in Double Eagles

138

34481 21
 138
 34482 59

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Oct 17 1893

No 66

Grd

\$659.59 f. 25-

OFFICE OF
THE BANKER'S MAGAZINE and THE BANKER'S ALMANAC,

No. 231 Broadway,

Address Letters to P. O. Box 4574.

New York, Oct. 17 1873.

To the Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia,

Sir, I request the favor of you to
send me the weight, fineness and mint
values of the twenty coins, in enclosed
list.

We desire this information to put
in type early in November, but it will
not be made public before January
1874.

Very respectfully,

I. Smith Homans.

Bankers Magazine.
New York

Requesting the weights
fineness &c of sundry
coins, enclosed list

Recd Oct 30, 1873

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

THOS. T. ECKERT, Gen'l Sup't,
New York.

3 WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't,
O. H. PALMER, Sec'y, } New York.

Dated

Washington Dec 17 18

Received at

T.

James Pallack

Capt Mint

Phila
Pa

Send in mdy two pair

trade dollar dies to
Carson Mint

H R Hinderman
Director
of the Mint

23 Pk font rate

☒ This Message just received at the Office of the
WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY,

S. E. cor. Ninth and Chestnut Sts.,

Where any reply should be sent.

Direct Wires.

Director of the Mint
Oct 17/73

Directly 2 pairs
trade dollar dies
to be forwarded to
the Carson Mint.

Rec'd Oct 17/73

W.V.B.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October, 17th, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.
Sir:

I have to inform you, that the
Official Bond of Wm S. Steel, Asst.
Weigher in your institution, has been ap-
proved by the Director and Secretary
of the Treasury, and transmitted to
the First Comptroller of the Treasury,
for file in that office.

Very respectfully,
A. B. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 17/73

Official Bond of
Wm. J. Steel
Weigher in Dept
Coin, has been
rec^d & approved &
filed with the
Comptroller of the
Treasury.

Recd Oct 18/73

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 16, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the additional expenses of your institution for the month of October, 1873, has been approved for the sum of \$1,000.— from the following appropriation:

Wages of Workmen, 1874. — \$ 11,000.—

Very respectfully,
H. R. H. H. H.
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 16/73

Requisition for
\$11,000. additional for
wages of workmen, for
October, 1873, recd
and approved.

Recd Oct 17/73

Recd.
Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 16, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent,
Philadelphia Pa

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th instant requesting my approval to a requisition for the purchase of 500 lbs of bar tin. I would cheerfully approve this requisition were it not that there is a provision in the 29th section of the coinage act requiring metals for the minor coinage to be purchased by public advertisement.

It will be necessary to

advertise

advertise for bids for supplying the article in question, and you will do this in such manner as to comply with the law but to cost as little as possible.

I suggest in this connection, whether it would not be better to include in the advertisement such supplies of copper, nickel and tin as you will require for the next six months; and this for the reason that the advertisement for the 500 lbs of tin alone would cost nearly as much as the article itself.

You will observe by a reference to the section that the

the funds for the purchase of
the metals for the minor coinage
is to be transferred to you by the
Secretary of the Treasury, and
will not, therefore, come out
of your appropriations.

The requisition ~~is~~ returned
herewith.

Very respectfully,
W. R. Linderman
Director

Director of the Mint
Oct 16/73

Returning without
approval requisition for
500 lbs bar tin, because the
same must be advertised.

Suggest that the Dept
advertise for 6 mns. supply
of Copper, nickel & tin for
the mixed coinage

Recd Oct 17/73

Int

United States Assay Office,

New York, October 16 1873

Sir:

Herewith transmit statement of the weight and fineness of 10 Sovereigns from the Sydney Mint Australia, in accordance with request contained in your letter of the 10th inst.

We could find no Sovereigns from the Melbourne Mint.

Very Respectfully

Hon Jas Pollock
Supt U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa

Thos K. Weston
Superintendent.

Supt N.Y. Assay Office
(Acting)
Oct 16/73

Enclosing Statement
of the assay of 10 dor-
-reigns from the Sydney
Mint, Australia.

(1 Enclosure)

Rec Oct 17/73

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 15, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa

Sir:

I have to acknowledge
the receipt by Adams Express
Company of the package con-
taining the Robinson medal;
also by mail vouchers for
same addressed to the Secre-
tary of the Treasury which
have been forwarded.

Very respectfully,

H R Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 15/73

Ac'g acct of
"Robinson" fold
Medal, & vouchers
for the same, which
have been delivered
to the Secretary of
the Treasury

Rec Oct 16/73

Office of U. S. Ass't Treasurer,

Boston, Octo. 15th, 1873.

Sir.

I forward to you this day by the Adams Ex.
Co. Gold Coins. Nominal Value \$1273.⁵⁰ (Value by
weight 1259.) deposited at this Office this day
for gold notes, and have to request that on as-
certaining the true value, you will cause the
proper deposit to be made in name of the
Assistant Treasurer at Boston with the
Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia on
account of "Transfer of Funds" returning
to me Cert. of Deposit in duplicate therefor.

Respectfully

T. Haven

U. S. Ass. Treas.

To Superintendent
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.
Pa.

F. Stancu Jr.
Ass't Treasurer.

Boston,

Octo. 15th, 1873.

Relating to Transfer of
Gold Coins under Department
Circular Dated Apl 1, 1873.

\$1243.⁵⁰ light gold
Coin for recoinage, &
deposit or transfer of
funds.

No. of Enclosures _____

Rec^d Oct 17/73

INVOICE, No. 65

Statement of Deposit Gold BULLION transmitted to the
UNITED STATES MINT, for Coinage, pursuant to Act of March, 1873, by
Thomas L. Achen, Sup't ~~Treasurer~~ of the United States Assay Office.

New York, October 15th 1873.

Eighteen BOXES, No. 1 @ 18

CONTAINING

225 BARS.

Description.	Numbers.	Pieces.	Gross Weight.		Fineness.	Standard Weight.		Value.	
			Ounces.	Dec.		Ounces.	Dec.	Dollars.	Cts.
Sovereigns 997	3076	14	4373	38	916 1/2				
" 8	7	14	4483	34	916 1/2				
" 9	8	13	3966	37	916 1/2				
" 1000	9	9	2563	72	916				
" 1	3080	7	1538	42	916 1/2				
" 2	1	7	1538	44	916 1/2				
" 3	3091	3	1024	12	916 1/2				
" 4	6	9	2562	78	916 1/2				
" 5	3117	14	4391	98	916 1/2				
" 6	8	15	4599	34	916 1/2				
" 7	9	14	3817	61	916 1/2				
" 8	3120	4	1352	14	916 1/2				
British Bars 9	2	13	3946	78	900				
" " 1080	3	16	4638	44	899 1/2				
" " 1	4	15	4509	62	900				
Sovereigns 2	5	13	3845	25	916 1/2				
" 3	8	15	4378	27	916 1/2				
" 4	9	16	4498	70	916 1/2				
" 5	3130	14	3956	37	916 1/2				
		225	65972	11		66937	536	1245349	51

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7 Less 1/5% Coinage 249070
124285881

6596836
Payable in Double Eagles

197
65,970.83
1.78
182

19 178
121

9 128
7

1.97

6596955

Oct. 15th 1873

M 65

Gold

A 1242855.01

~~(Copy)~~ Prevention of a Fraud upon our
Gold coins.

(Assayers office)
U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

October 15th 1873.

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent &c.
Sir,

I take pleasure in responding to the
inquiry contained in a letter from the
Director to yourself on the steps that were
taken here, some years ago, towards a pre-
vention of the fraud of "filling our gold coins."

These examinations and experiments
were made, September to November 1860.

Thirteen years ago, I may state, that it
mainly fell to my lot to conduct them,
but I had the indispensable counsel and
co-operation of Mr Eckfeldt, the late
Assayer, and Mr Longacre, the late En-
graver.

They were brought about by the
startling discovery at the Treasury of the
United States, in New York, of our gold
eagles, (ten dollar pieces) having their interior
taken out, and replaced with a disc of pla-
tinum, a heavy and high priced metal,
of about $\frac{1}{2}$ the value of standard gold.
This was neatly covered in by a soldered
rim of gold, the whole presenting a

genuine surface, and without fault, as to weight, diameter, thickness or sonority. Along with these pieces we had the benefit of experiments by Dr. Torrey, the late assayer of the U. S. Assay office at New York, so far as determining the composition of the pieces, and afterwards we conferred with him personally, as to the best means of prevention and detection.

Before stating our results and conclusions at that time, allow me here to insert, that just now I am engaged in the examination of other filled pieces, of larger and smaller denominations, lately sent to me by the able and vigilant chief of the Coin Department in the U. S. Treasury at New York, George Ashley Esq., along with other pieces of fraudulent make, but of a different sort. This was the first time I was aware that the platinum filling had been practised upon any other size than the X, although we had found silver fillings in the $\frac{1}{2}$ X, and $\frac{1}{4}$ X, many years ago. (I beg leave to use these neat abbreviations, borrowed from the New-York Treasury.)

The platinum filled pieces now on hand are the XX, the X and the $\frac{1}{2}$ X. The first named was detected at the Bank of England, and thence sent over. Another XX comes from the New-York Treasury, and was detected there. Mr Ashley remarks - "this is the worst fraud we have to contend with."

It seems this trouble is not confined to our coins; some of the British sovereigns it is stated, have been filled in the same way. That the large, thick double Eagles should be thus tampered with, is not surprising, but we are compelled to wonder at their operating on half-eagles and sovereigns.

Now without spreading abroad the way in which this thing is done, (for that would serve no good purpose) let us look at the make up of one of these filled coins. What with the two genuine outsides, the false inside, the new-rubbed rim, and the solder, there are present no less than four separate pieces, and five distinct metals, all put together with such nicety that none but an expert can tell the bad coin from the true.

Not to alarm the Government, or the public, we have good evidence so far, that the fraud is not much practiced, and does not ordinarily go long undetected.

First it is a slow way of making money. Even for a consummate workman, and no second-rate man can do it, and secondly, most of our coins soon find their way to Govt Treasuries, and there they have experts who can throw these pieces out at a glance or a touch, without being fully aware of the reason why. This remarkable faculty, possessed by Mr Sandy of the New York Treasury, more than by any other

man we know of, reminds me of what was said of a money-changer in ancient Rome, that "he could see brass through silver" and it is some comfort to know that this overlaying art is not a new thing. Even the barbarous Germans, among whom the Roman denarii were current, were so suspicious of it that they made notches all around the coin, to see what was inside, and some of these pieces, looking much like a circular saw on a small scale, have been handed down to our day, and may be seen in rare collections. The Roman or Greek counterfeiter, however, was not to be named in point of skill, with the rascals of modern times.

I should also mention, that with all the vigilance of Mr Ashley, and Mr Yandy, in New York; of similar officers in Philadelphia, and elsewhere; so few of these altered pieces have yet appeared, as to justify us in concluding, as above remarked, that the fraud is not extensively practised. Still it is very mischievous, and injurious; and every means should be used to protect the Treasury, and the community, from these losses of several dollars on a single piece of money.

Before proceeding to offer some suggestions in regard to the best mode of prevention, I would say a few words as to the best mode of detection. When, as already remarked, it is found that these filled

and are right, or very nearly so. (5)
weight, size, and sound, and have
genuine exterior, it must be apparent
that our resources are very much cut
down. There is usually, however, a
slight discoloration, probably arising
from heat during the soldering process.
This cannot be much relied on, for a good
piece may be discolored in the same way.

The test of specific gravity is one which
they have not been able, and perhaps have
not tried, to set at naught. Filling with
plates of silver was abandoned by these
artists, because that metal is not much
more than half as heavy as gold; and
so the reformed coin was either too light
or else too thick. Platinum is a little
heavier than gold, and although a scarce
and dear metal, and hard to work, it was
found to answer the purpose. However,
this addition invariably makes the spe-
cific gravity of the coin too great, and
that by a difference so considerable, that
the fact of filling can be assured, with-
out laying the piece open, or impairing
it in any way.

To come to figures, a genuine gold
coin of the U. S. (of any size of course)
will show the sp. gr. about 17.20; or
if somewhat paled with silver alloy, as
they were many years ago, perhaps as
high as 17.30. That is to say, by way of

Explanation, to those who have forgotten how specific gravity is found between the weight of the coin in air, and its weight in water, there is a difference, which as a divisor for the first weight, gives a dividend as above.

But we find that the ~~XX~~, when filled, shows sp. gr. 18.76; while the X and the $\frac{1}{2}X$, show sp. gr. about 17.75. to 17.95. These differences are to be expected. We have no suggestions to make for the use of the criminals who are thus employed; they know very well, that to attempt to adjust the sp. gr. along with all the other points would increase their work, and render it unprofitable. Still, this sure method calls for very good apparatus, some skill and practice, and a little time, say five minutes; more time than a Teller can spare, so that in a public office it is extremely desirable to have such a man as Mr Tandy, or our Mr Bobb. (no doubt a larger acquaintance would enable us to give other names, if needful)

While I am on this point, allow me to repeat, what was said in a former communication, that we find the difference of specific gravity quite as wide in the case of the new class of counterfeits, the 5 dollar piece of 1872, regularly made and struck, but debased about six per cent.

These pieces show sp. gr. about 16.46, say in round terms 16.50. Thus while the filled piece is too high, this is as much too low. It would be a very difficult matter indeed, to elude this test.

Now, in regard to the prevention of the fraud of filling, only two modes seem to be worth considering.

First, the door to this business is at the rim or periphery of the coin: the place where the reeding stands is a sort of *chevaux-de-frise* to keep out intruders.

It would be a good thing to strengthen the defences at this circumvallation; in plain terms, to fashion the rim so that it cannot be tampered with, or imitated without easy detection. Formerly we milled a legend in sunken letters, on this part of our half dollar. In France, and Belgium, and recently in Spain, the gold coins are protected in the same way, but with raised letters: while in the German Empire, and some other countries, the thing is done as we used to do it.

Undoubtedly it would be far more difficult to imitate or renew this lettering, whether raised or sunken, than the rib or reeding. They do that by making a new band, and going over it by the mechanical operation of a "murling machine." Men of great

skill may make the lettered edge, so as to be a fac-simile, according to the truism, "what one man can do, another man may do;" but I am strongly of the opinion that it would take too much time and labor to pay well, at any rate, it seems worth while to make the experiment.

This method was virtually proposed in your Annual Report for 1870-71.

The other mode to be considered, is to return to thin gold coins, and cease, or nearly cease, from issuing any of a larger denomination than ten dollars.

This may displease those who deal in large sums, and like to count by twenties, But if gold is ever to be a real currency, it must be made to suit the man of one piece, no less than the man of a million, and with a cheap counting machine, such as we have in the Mint, the great objection will vanish.

I speak of it as a return. Formerly our gold coins were thin pieces; so were those of England, and the European continent generally. The ducat or sequin, a small thin piece, was for ages, the current coin of civilized and barbarous nations. The fourfold ducat of Austria is so thin as to be out of proportion to

~~broad diameter~~

broad diameter. Yet it is a coin of great beauty, and well struck up. There is, it is true, a slightly and scientific proportion in the diameter and thickness of our gold coins, since the remodeling in 1834, and especially in 1837. But this proportion has twice been set aside, without offending good taste. The gold dollar had to be made thinner to escape popular complaint; and the three dollar piece had to be spread out, to make it distinctive.

A very thin coin would be easily bent and abused, but that is an extreme not contemplated. The coin should be thin enough to make it troublesome and improper to be sawed through (on edge) to insert a plate. In fine, instead of attempting to get up an artistic impossibility, the writer would take advantage of an economic inexpediency, and then find the remedy.

A few words and figures, as to dimensions. How thin should our gold coins be, and what should be the the largest? They should be made thinner at or about the centre, than they are at the edge. To a slight degree this is done already; but not enough. And this concavity should be double.

is on both sides of the coin. of

It will be understood that this is to be produced by convexity of the dies. It has long been the usage here to measure or regulate coins by twentieths of an inch for diameter and by thousandths of an inch for thickness. When it is proposed

1. The ten-dollar piece, or eagle, to be of the diameter of 29 twentieths (1.45) which is one twentieth less than the silver dollar and two twentieths ~~less~~ more than the double eagle; to be 35 thousandths thick at the edge, curving down to 25 towards the centre. At 25 we have the thickness of the old gold dollar. No wider coins than this would be admissible, or desirable; but to comply with the law, and for special purposes, we might strike pieces of 20 dollars as they are now. The holder to run the risk of the evil we are fighting against.

2. Five-dollar piece, or half eagle, diameter 21 twentieths (1.05) which is the same as the present eagle. Double concave. 30 thousandths at edge, 25 at centre.

3. Three-dollar piece, diameter 18 twentieths, at present 16; thickness 25 thous. at present 24. This coin and the lesser ones, need not be of the dishing shape.

4. Quarter-eagles, diameter 16; thickness

Gold-dollar as at present.

It is further suggested, that this extension of diameter should not be in lieu of lettering on the edge, but that the latter should also be used, or tried, as far as thickness will admit. It may be objected, that increase of surface exposes to increased abrasion. Numerous experiments here, not necessary to detail, prove that this is not the fact. It is also opposed to the philosophy of the case, as was stated by Mr Longacre, formerly our engraver, a thin sheet-plate for bank note engraving, outlasts a thick one, from the fact that it has received a greater compression and condensation in preparing it. More than that, a compact thick coin, falls more heavily, and rubs more intensely, than an expanded thin coin of the same weight.

It is the far more frequent use of small coins, which makes them wear more than large ones.

At the time we were experimenting, a five-dollar pattern was made (in copper) according to shape proposed.

I am Very Respectfully,
Your Obedt Servant.
Signed, W & Du Bois.

Assayer

Wm E. DuBois
Assayer
Oct 15. 1873

Report to the
Supt on the pre-
vention of frauds
on our Gold coins.

(Copy)

Rec Oct 15/73

Ordinary Account.

Minor coinage

No. 101

United States Mint, *15th Oct.* 1873.

To Hon. JAMES POLLOCK,

~~Director~~. *Sup^t U.S. Mint, Phil^a*

The undersigned requests the approval of the ~~Director~~ ^{Sup^t} to procure the following supplies for his department of the Mint:

From whom, *Nathan Trotter & Co.*

Name of Article, *Bar Tin*

Quantity required, *500 lbs.*

Value estimated, *pr. Price Current*

Special object or reason of Requisition, and Remarks.

To make the Bronze alloy for one cent pieces.

J. H. Booth

Melter and Refiner.

APPROVED:

J. P. [Signature] ^{Sup^t}
~~Director~~.

Approved, Oct. 1873

Director of the Mint

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APPROVED:



To make the above a bill for our next issue.

Special object or reason of Requisition, and Remarks.

Value estimated.

for Gold Standard

Quantity required.

200 lbs.

Name of Article.

Bar Silver

From whom.

William Dwyer & Co

Following supplies for the department of the Mint:

The undersigned certifies the approval of the ~~Director~~ to procure the

TO HON. JAMES POLLOCK,

United States Mint,

10th Oct.

1873.

Ordinary Accounts

James Pollock

MS.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 14, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the
13th inst, in relation to an
Inventory of the Coins, medals
and specimens in the Cabinet
of the Mint, I have to say
that the plan you propose
will be acceptable to this
office.

Very respectfully,
W B Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 14/73

Proposed cata-
-logue of Mint
Cabinet is sold
- factory.

Rec Oct. 15/73



GEO. A. PILLSBURY, President.

WM. W. STORRS, Cashier.

W. F. THAYER, Ass't Cashier.

The First National Bank

OF THE CITY OF CONCORD, N. H.

DIRECTORS:

ENOS BLAKE,
WILLIAM WALKER,

BENNING W. SANBORN,
TIMOTHY HAYNES,

JAMES W. JOHNSON,
THOMAS STUART.

Authorized Capital, \$500,000.
Cash Capital paid in, 150,000.

Concord, Oct 14 1877

Care of Mr. C. S. Miner -

Phila^a

Dear Sir

Enclosed find

Left - 208 \$ payable at New York
For which I would like you to send
me Silver coin - viz -

100 \$ in 25^s

75 \$ " 50^s

& balance in 10^s

Yours truly
Wm. W. Storrs

W. M. Storrs, Cas.
Cincinnati N. H.

Inclosing draft
for \$200. to buy
silver coin.

(Returned)

Recd Oct 27/73

MSD.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 14, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

During my visit to the Mint on Saturday, I had some conversation with the Assayer as to the basis on which the value of silver coin should be estimated in the foreign coin tables.

While I am of the opinion that only the weight and fineness should be given, I have no objection to the value being stated at the existing mint price

of account of the United States, shall be that of the pure metal of such coin of standard value, and ^{than} the values of the standard coins in circulation of the various nations of the world shall be estimated annually by the Director of the Mint, &c.

You will perceive that this last law requires us to deal with legally established standards, and not the actual coin. We will, however, publish the statement as heretofore in this years report, and afterwards consider what is necessary. Very respectfully,

H. B. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct. 14/73.

Directions for pre-
paring tables of
Foreign Coins under the
Act of 3^d March 1873,
[Statute, at Large, 1872-73,
page, 602.]

Rec^d Oct 15. 1873

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price per ounce, with a note appended to the table that, silver having no fixed valuation in the United States their equivalent value in gold cannot be stated.

The Act of 1857, under which this statement is required to be given in the Director's Annual Report, was substantially a re-enactment of an old law, which had its origin at a time when foreign coins were receivable for customs; and it is a question whether it is not repealed by the Act of March 3rd 1873, which provides that the value of foreign coins, as expressed in the money of

of

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, Oct. 14th 1873,

Hon. James Pollock,
Superintendent.

Dear Sir;

I desire most respectfully to direct your attention to the application of M. C. Bailey, Foreman, for a leave of absence.

The case of Mr. Bailey is one of especial hardship. He had made all his arrangements to take his vacation on or about the 1st. of August, but the absence of other workmen and the pressure upon us was so great, that out of consideration for the public service he gave up his plans and remained faithfully at his post during all the heat of the summer, awaiting an opportunity when he could be spared, without detriment to the department. During the summer he cheerfully performed not only his own allotted task, but did the work of others who were away recreating. These persons are all at their posts now and perfectly willing to do his work during his short absence.

I do think this case appeals for
generous treatment. This man gave up
his own cherished plans, for an absence from
the confinement of the cellar in front of the
boilers during the sultry days of August, for
our interests - He has faithfully performed
his duty and I think is just entitled to
the absence he now asks, through his foreman.

I therefore respectfully recommend
that it be granted -

I am Yours Truly

Your Obl. Serv

London Ironworks
Clerk.

A. Loudon Snowden,
Corinn,
Oct 14/73

Requesting leave
of absence for
M. B. Bailey,
Fireman.

[Leave granted for
2 weeks from Nov. 3/73.
J^d Super]

Rec^d Oct 14/73

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1873 / OCTOBER

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1873/OCTOBER (CONT.)

It is not deemed
expedient to reduce
the present rate
of free Cornage
until we learn
something definite
as to ~~future~~ the
continuation of
imports of foreign corn.
As soon as there
are indications
of a decline, the
Office inform you
& the free Cornage
can be made
to meet the situation
W B L

N.C.D.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October, 13, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The gold coinage at the Philadelphia Mint, being at the rate of about ten millions of dollars in value per month, will be continued until further instructions.

While, however, the Gold Coinage is proceeding at the above rate, such minor and Silver coinage as can be executed without interfering with the Gold Coinage may be manufactured, the Mint running to its full capacity and during such extra hours as the workmen and Adjusters can attend,

having due regard to the proper execution of the Coinage.

Very respectfully,
H. B. Underman
Director.

Approved.

Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary.

Director of the Mint
app'd by } Oct 13/73
Secy Treasr }

Minor Coins, and
Silver coins may be
manufactured, so as
not to interfere with
a gold coinage of ten
millions per month;
the Mint running to
its full capacity, &
such extra hours as
the Employer can stand
and do their work well

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October, 13, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a communication from the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, dated the 3^d inst, informing me that he has shipped to your address one package containing Special Assay Coins, viz:

1 Double Eagle, _____	\$20.00.
1 Trade Dollar, _____	1.00.
1 Half " _____	.50.
	\$21.50.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 13/73

Special assay
coins \$21.50, for
Sept. have been
forwarded from
the San Francisco Mint

Rec'd Oct 14/73

INVOICE, No. 63.

Statement of Deposit Gold BULLION transmitted to the
UNITED STATES MINT, for Coinage, pursuant to Act of March, 1873, by
Thomas C. Achen, Superintendent ~~Treasurer~~ of the United States Assay Office.

New York, October 13th 1873.

Eighteen BOXES, No. 1@18 CONTAINING 223 BARS.

Description.	Numbers.	Pieces.	Gross Weight		Fineness.	Standard Weight.		Value.	
			Ounces.	Dec.		Ounces.	Dec.	Dollars.	Cts.
Sovereigns 948	3025	1 2	721	58	916 $\frac{1}{2}$	721	58		
" 9	62	7	153	767	916	153	767		
British Bars 50	83	14	439	531	899 $\frac{1}{2}$			439	515
" " 1	94	14	448	935	900			448	915
" " 2	3030	5 13	397	745	900			397	742
" " 3	16	10	309	000	998			308	978
Napoleons 4	210	2	412	97	898 $\frac{1}{2}$			412	88
Sovereigns 5	37	15	438	147	916			438	125
" 6	48	15	446	910	916			446	86
" 7	59	16	464	422	916			464	96
" 8	611	14	434	437	916 $\frac{1}{2}$			434	414
" 9	712	15	449	257	916 $\frac{1}{2}$			449	239
" 60	813	12	330	387	916 $\frac{1}{2}$			330	73
" 1	91	6	127	990	916 $\frac{1}{2}$	127	990		
" 2	3040	1 1	333	08	916 $\frac{1}{2}$	333	08		
" 3	114	14	384	547	916 $\frac{1}{2}$			384	525
" 4	315	11	307	667	916 $\frac{1}{2}$			307	652
" 5	3051	11 3	102	500	916 $\frac{1}{2}$	102	500	33	59
" 6	716	10	256	205	916 $\frac{1}{2}$			256	196
" 7	817	14	431	844	916 $\frac{1}{2}$			431	829
" 8	92	8	208	803	916	208	803	36	25
Defaced Coin 9	3062	18 2	401	91	898				
" " 70	3073	18 2	661	92	898			106	360
Sovereigns 1	5	3	768	74	915 $\frac{1}{2}$			768	60
								64	615
			223	64	621	14		65	806
					79			938	1224
					7			315	12
								15%	Coinage
								2	448
									63
								1.221	866
									49

Payable in Double Eagles.

64617.56
281

64620.37
2114

241 72 3.4

64616.56
9124.72

73742.28

Oct 13th 1873

No 68

Gold

\$1221.866.49

W.B.J.
Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 13, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supr U.S. mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In the draft of the statement of the values of foreign coins now being prepared by the Assayer, I noticed that one or two items give the value in United States money of foreign coins based upon the established standard, and not upon assays at the mint. The 3rd Section of the Act of February 21. 1857, under which this statement is prepared, contains the following provision: "It

"It shall be the duty of the Director of the Mint to cause assays to be made from time to time, of such foreign coins as may be known to our commerce, to determine their average weight, fineness, and value, and to embrace in his annual report a statement of the results thereof."

The above provision of law will confine the statement to foreign coins known to our commerce, the weight, fineness and value of which have been determined by our assay; and you will be governed accordingly in the preparation of the

the statement.

Very respectfully,

H. Rinderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 13. 1873.

The preparation of
the Annual Table of
Foreign Coins, will be
governed by the 3rd Section
of the Act of 21st 7th M
1837, & will be confined
to such as are known
to have commenced their
value be determined
by an assay.

Rec^d Oct 14/73

S. G.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, Oct 11th, 1873.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of 8th inst. I have to advise you that the \$194.⁶²/₁₀₀ profits on receipt of \$80.59.⁴⁸/₁₀₀ silver from Santa Fe, can not be covered into the Treasury as a deposit in your office.

I have therefore today sent to the Asst. Treas. U.S. Philadelphia Transfer order in your favor \$194.⁶²/₁₀₀.

He will credit me on his books with the amount, as profits deposited by you, issuing the usual Certificate, and will at the same time charge the payment of the Transfer Order, taking your endorsement.

This will settle my account without changing the entries on your books.

Very Respectfully,

James Pollock, Supt.
U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

L. S. Smith
Asst. Treas. U.S.

Treasury of the U. S.
Washington.

Oct. 11th 1873

L. Z. Tuttle
Asst. Treasurer

Instructions concerning
the transfer of \$194⁶²
Silver profits.

Rec'd Oct 13/73

S. L.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, ^{to} October 11, 1873.

Sir! Referring to your letter of August 29th and my reply of August 30th last, will you kindly inform me as to just how the loss \$62.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ on the recoinage of \$409.³⁰/₁₀₀ small silver as stated in yours of 6th inst, was disposed of in your books.

If as I suppose, the loss was in the reduction of the \$409.³⁰/₁₀₀ as silver I have only to transfer that sum from the "Nickel A/c" to the "Bullion Fund," but if, as may have been the case, the loss was charged by you as recoinage of "Nickels" then I can only transfer to the "Bullion Fund" the proceeds of the silver \$347.²⁹/₁₀₀.

Please advise:

Very Respectfully,

James Pollock, Supt.
U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

L. L. Mott
Asst. Treas.
Penn.

Treasury of the U.S.
Washington D.C.
October 11th 1873

L. J. Tuttle
Asst. Treasurer.

Requests information
Concerning the dispos-
ition of \$62⁰¹ loss
on certain Silver Coin

Rec^d Oct 13/73

A. L. Snowden
Coiner Ullin's
Nov 11/73

Statement of Coinage
for week

Ru Nov 11. 1873

N. 408 State St. Brooklyn N.Y.

Dear Sir

11th October 1872

I thank you for your
letter of the 9th Inst. & beg herewith
to enclose \$10 for the Bents of
this year which be so kind as
direct to be sent to No. 95 William
Street New York & oblige

Yours faithfully
Edward Cogan

To

Hon^{ble} James Pollock
Philadelphia
Pa

Eduarda Logan
New York

Sends \$10.- for new
14 pieces

Rn Oct 12, 1872

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 11, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst, and accompanying statements of minor coins redeemed, re-issued and exchanged.

Very respectfully,
H. C. Johannes.

For the Director.

Director of the Mint
(per H.C.F.)
Oct 11/73

Act's acct of
~~Statements of~~
Mint Coins returned,
received & Exchanged.

Rec^d Oct 13/73

Everett Bedford County Pa
Oct. 11th 1873

To the Superintendent Philadelphia Mint
Dear Sir

Could I Exchange you \$5 worth of
Small Silver Coins for 3 ct 5 ct & 10 ct pieces
for five of the American Trade dollars
and what amount would it take. I would
send by Express and pay the same
both ways. I want them for special
purpose.

Very Resp^t Yours
W. H. Whirl

Everett Bedford Co Pa

H. H. Whisel
Evansville Pa
Oct. 11/73

Wants to by 5 State
Dollars for 3, 5, &
10 of Silver coins,
and enquires how
much?

Recd Oct 12/73

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New Orleans, La., October 11, 1872

Dear Sir,

I have forwarded, per
Express, Four hundred & thirty
(430) Dollars Light Gold Coin for
recoinage - the net proceeds of which
I would thank you to deposit with
the Asst. Treas. U.S. at Phila. Pa
in the name of R. M. Reynolds
Collector of Customs at Mobile, Ala
and on account of Duties on
Imports, enclosing the customary
receipts to this office.

To the
Hon. Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Very Respectfully
J. H. W. Taylor
Asst. Treas. U.S.

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
NEW ORLEANS, LA.,

Oct 11, 1873.

J. H. Taylor
Acting Assistant Treasurer.

Sends \$430. -
light gold coin, for
recoinage, to be de-
posited to Cr. Treas.
U. S. in name of
R. M. Reynolds,
Col. of Customs, Mobile
Ala. in apt of Duties
on Imports

28426¹⁸ deposited
Oct. 22 1873

No. of Enclosures, —

Rec Oct 15/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October, 11, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, enclosing a list of Officers, Clerks, and employes of your institution with their salaries, &c. and to inform you that the enclosure has been referred to the Register of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
M. C. Mahanues.
For the Director.

Director of the Mint
(in H.C.P.)

Oct 11/73

Ask'g acct of
List of Officers
& Clerk of the
Mint

Recd Oct 13/73

INVOICE, No. 62

Statement of Deposit Gold BULLION transmitted to the
UNITED STATES MINT, for Coinage, pursuant to Act of March, 1873, by
Thos. C. Acton, Superintendent ~~Treasurer~~ of the United States Assay Office.

New York, October 10th 1873.

Twenty Three BOXES, No. 1 @ 23

CONTAINING

269 BARS.

[illegible]

80757.26
Payable in Double Eagles

$$\begin{array}{r} 21 \overline{) 356} \\ \underline{42} \\ 126 \end{array}$$

Oct 10th 1893

W. C. S.

Will

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Opposition Line! Prices Reduced!

Franklin Telegraph Co.

Lines East, West, North & South.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon.

JOHN DUFF, President.

E. D. L. SWEET, Exec. Manager.

BLANK No. 1.

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Oct 10

1877

By Telegraph from

4 My

Mark

James Fallock

Supt Mint

About twenty two

hundred thousand gold

coin received from you

by bank office his month

How much additional

will you send up to the

This message has just been received at the office.

Eighteenth inst

N. E. Cor. 3rd & Chestnut Sts.

Van Klack, Clark & Co., 28 Vesey Street, N. Y.

H. R. Landerman

Director Mint

Spells 137

Wicks of the Mint
(at New York)
Oct 10/73

\$2,200,000. rec'd at
N. Y. from Mint, this
month.

Wants to know
how much more
can be sent up to
the 18th inst.

Rec'd Oct 10/73

Opposition Line! Prices Reduced!

Franklin Telegraph Co.

Lines East, West, North & South.



BLANK No. 1.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

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J. W. BROWN, Pres.

J. G. SMITH, Supt.

Oct 10 1877
By Telegraph from New York
To Rev James Collocott
Supt Mint

Two millions & a half will be forwarded on Monday & one million Tuesday ready now but want to avoid Sunday I will be at Mint tomorrow morning

H R Linderman

This message has just been received at the office.

CONTINENTAL HOTEL.

40 Col & Co

Van Kleeck, Clark & Co., 25 Vesey Street, N.Y.

(RED SIGNS.)

Director of the Mint
New York
Oct 10/73

2 1/2 Millions will be
forwarded on Monday
& 1 million on Tuesday

Rn Oct 10, 1873

Hon. James Pollock

Sir

At your request. I very respectfully submit to you my Estimate for the Alteration of our heating arrangement of the Main building of the U.S. Mint.

The present 2 inch Cast iron Pipes with Socket joints run up with lead, always has been a constant source of trouble to keep them Steam tight. The Expansion & Contraction works the lead loose, and it is impossible for us to let on a pressure of live Steam to keep the different Offices properly heated, I would respectfully propose a 2 inch Galvanised Wrought Iron Pipe Screwed joints.

The Cost of the Pipes & Fittings will be as follows

200 feet at \$1.10 per foot	"	"	\$220.
8 Elbows " 1.08 Each	"	"	8.64
8 Tees 1.38 "	"	"	11.04
4 Reducing Sockt .79 "	"	"	3.16
Cost of pipes & Fittings			<u>\$242.84</u>

I would respectfully suggest the enlargement of the heating Capacity leading to your office, the Coiners & Chf Clerks. Coining room &c Letting the One remain as at present, and adding a radiating heater of the fol.

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8 Outside Radiators

16 Inside

Length of Radiators 3 ft 7 in

Depth " 9 in

Cost \$150.

I find we can place one in the present heating Chamber with

but slight alterations, And will not have to alter
the floor leading to the different Offices.

By this means I think you will have sufficient
heat from the same to avoid all complaints about Cold
rooms

Very Respectfully Yours &c

H. Kilpatrick
Engineer

Oct 10/73

From H. Kilpatrick
Engineer.

Estimate of cost for
alteration & of our
reading apparatus.

Oct 10/73

Oct 10/73

Lewisburg 10. 28. 73

Apayer W S Mint

Dear Sir

I this morning
send you a sample of rock which
you will please test and advise
me as to whether it is of any
value or not

Please address

Yours &c

Solomon E Heberling

Forest Hill

Union Co
Pa

S. E. Heberling
Lorreat Hill
Union Co. Pa

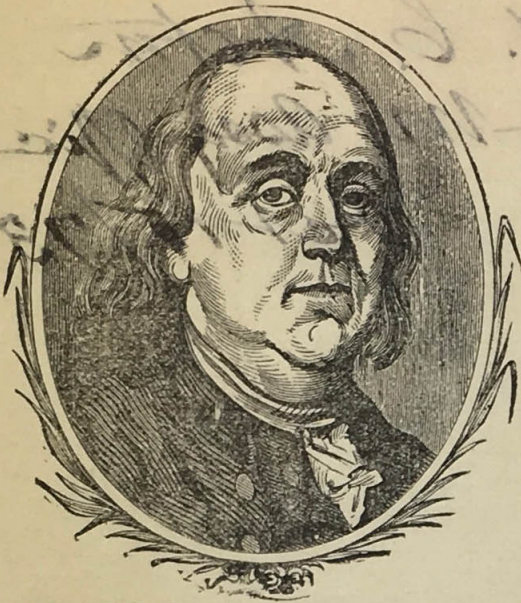
Forwarding speci-
men of ore for
testing.

Recd Oct 30 1893

Opposition Line! Prices Reduced!

Franklin Telegraph Co.

Lines East, West, North & South.



BLANK No. 1.

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JOHN DUFF, President.

E. D. L. SWEET, Exec. Manager.

By Telegraph from

James Tallock

Supt U.S.
Mint

Oct 10 1873

Send all the gold
packing Boxes you have
on hand by the Adams
express Co. this afternoon

Thos. C. Acton

This message has just been received at the office.

NEW BUILDING
N. E. Cor. 3rd & Chestnut Sts.

Wm. S. Gout

Co. 23 Valley Street, N. E.

Wm. C. Acton
Supt My Assn Office
Oct 10/73

Wants all the
Gold packing boxes
forwarded by Express
to night.

Rec'd Oct 10/73

All Official Letters to the Department proper must be addressed to the "Secretary of the Treasury," and in replying to Letters from the Department the initials on the upper left hand corner should be referred to

Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., Oct 9, 1873.

My dear Sir,

The Secretary having instructed me to arrange our Commission as I may regard as necessary I shall go to New York by the late train tonight, visit the Assay office to-morrow, & see you on Saturday, at the Mint. The Secretary desires to keep the Treasury supply of coin pretty full.

I have had an additional three millions gold coin turned to the Assay office

I desire to look into the silver question before coming

to the Mint so as to act understandingly
I have thought of the demand of the
silver & under coin.

Director of the Mint
Oct 9/73

Will call on Saturday
Oct 11. to confer
about the kinds &
amt of coins
to be done.

Recd Oct 10/73.

Adam Smith & Son, Bankers.

S. W. Corner State & Washington Streets.

Adam Smith

Piercen D. Smith

First National Bank Building.

Chicago Oct 9 1873

To the Sup't. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We are producing at our Smelting & Refining Works here between twenty & twenty-five thousand oz fine silver bars per week. We have been in the habit of sending it to New York and selling it on the market. Since the change in the price of silver we are inclined to have it coined - You will please send us by return mail the government price list for coining into halves & quarters & greatly oblige. We will ship you to morrow between fifteen & twenty thousand oz silver to be coined.

Very Respectfully
Adam Smith Son

Adam Smith & Son
Bankers
Chicago Ill.
Oct 9/73

Want to know
terms on which
\$20,000 @ \$25,000
in fine silver bars
can be coined into
Halves & Quarters.

Rec'd Oct 13/73

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 8, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supr of mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

That portion of your letter of the 7th inst which replies specifically to my inquiry "as to the feasibility of striking a gold disk of the value of \$7/3," appears to be conclusive that it could not be struck with our present machinery, except as medals are prepared; and that the latter process would be too expensive.

The suggestion of a disk of the value of \$7/3 emanated from a gentleman formerly connected

needed with the Mint, and
those opinions are always
entitled to respect. My idea
was to determine the practical-
bility of striking it and the
probable cost, and subsequently
determine its expediency.

The two points above referred
to being determined adversely,
it is not necessary to discuss
or consider the subject
further.

Very respectfully,
W. R. Anderson
Director.

Directors of the Mint
Oct 8/73

Abandon the idea
of coining a Gold
Sovereign of £15. = \$75.

Rec Oct 9/73

INVOICE, No. 61

Statement of Deposit Gold BULLION transmitted to the
UNITED STATES MINT, for Coinage, pursuant to Act of March, 1873, by
Thomas C. Acton, Superintendent ~~Treasurer~~ of the United States Assay Office.

New York, October 8th 1873

Eleven BOXES, No. 1 @ 11

CONTAINING 151 BARS.

Description.	Numbers.	Pieces.	Gross Weight.		Fineness.	Standard Weight.		Value.	
			Ounces.	Dec.		Ounces.	Dec.	Dollars.	Cts.
Sovereigns 87	2962	5	1426	90	916 $\frac{1}{2}$	5244	45	262	
"	6	3	1499	76	916 $\frac{1}{2}$				
"	7	4	914	98	916 $\frac{1}{2}$				
"	8	5	1403	48	916 $\frac{1}{2}$				
"	9	6	1491	38	916 $\frac{1}{2}$				
" 880	7	5	1536	53	916 $\frac{1}{2}$	5003	05		
"	8	5	1498	59	916 $\frac{1}{2}$				
"	2	9	477	25	916 $\frac{1}{2}$				
"	2970	5	1398	13	916	2816	45		
"	4	1	1418	62	916				
"	5	2	2859	98	916	5126	10		
"	6	3	2266	59	916				
"	7	6	3842	18	916	3842	05		
"	2980	12	3841	78	917	3841	63		
Special Melt	9	48	4723	20	964	4723	15	4722	85
"	890	49	4845	56	969	4845	58	4845	30
"	50	21	4957	09	976 $\frac{1}{2}$	4957	09	4956	85
						40399	53	219	87
								2682	
		151	40402	00		42000	662	781407	62
						40402	14		
						Less $\frac{1}{2}\%$ Coinage		1562	82
						40401	92		
						2	62	779844	80
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Payable in Double Eagles.

Oct 8th 1873

W O
Gold

\$779.848,80

1873

HALF RATE MESSAGES.

The Western Union Telegraph Company require that all messages received for transmission shall be written on the blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following **HALF RATE MESSAGE.**

GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Newbeone No Oct 187

Received at

To

Supt of Mint
Pha

Please forward nickel &
cents ordered august thirtieth

J A Guion
Cashier

9 Paidhfrate

Shipped on the 8th, yesterday

J. A. Guion
Newbern

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Directing shipment
of small coin.

Rice Oct 8, 173

W.B.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., *October 8*, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supr US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Upon further consideration I have concluded that the values of the ^{foreign} silver coins shall be estimated at the market price in gold of silver bullion. We will take the London price, which is about 59 d. per ounce, .925 fine.

The relation in value should be stated as the rate at which the coins are calculated, that is, about 16.2 to 1; and in a foot

foot note say that the assumed relation is derived from the price of the London bullion market.

I see no other course to pursue with respect to silver than to calculate it according to its market rate in gold. Any other course must necessarily involve a fictitious basis.

Very respectfully,
H. Rodinman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 8/73

Foreign Silver Coin
to be calculated at
the bullion value of
Silver in the London
Market; & 16.2 to 1.

Rec^d Oct 9/73

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Oct. 8th, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Communication of the 7th inst. enclosing the Official oath of Henry Haigh, Laborer in your institution, and to inform you that the Correction from Henry H. Hague, as originally reported, has been made upon the books of this Office.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 8/73

Oath of Henry Haigh,
Labrador Recd & filed.

Recd Oct 9/73

N.D.

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 8th, 1872.

Sir

I will thank you to furnish this office with a statement showing the denomination, number and value of Minor Coins redeemed, re-issued and exchanged at the Mint from the Commencement of the re-demption to the close of the Fiscal Year ending June 30. 1873.

I desire to embrace this information in my Annual Report, and as I have but a short time left to complete it, I will be obliged if you will furnish this statement immediately.

Yours James Pollock
Supt Mint U.S. Philad^a

Very respectfully
H. Linderman
Director

Director of the Mint
Oct. 8. 1873

Wants Statement
of the denomination,
number and value of
Minor Coins, redeemed
and Exchanged from the
Commencement of the
redemption to the 30th
of June, 1873.

Rec^d Oct 9. 1873

H. G. J.
Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 8, 1873.

Hon James Paddock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir: In reply to your letter of the 7th inst, in relation to different denominations of gold coin required by the Assistant Treasurer at New York, I have to state that on the return of the Secretary, who is expected here tomorrow, I will confer with him in relation to the coinage, &c, come to Philadelphia on Friday evening, and have

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a conference with you on Saturday forenoon.

I hope to be able, in conjunction with yourself, to arrange a plan of operations by which all reasonable demands for coin can be met.

Very respectfully,
H. Rinderman
Director.

P.S.

Your operations will to a great extent have to be governed by the state and wants of the Treasury, as to which I will fully inform myself before I come up, in order that you may act understandingly.

H. R. L.

Director of the Mint
Oct 8/73

Will consult the Secy
Treas, about gold coinage
for West. Treas. N.Y. City
where the Double Eagle, &
see the Sup't Philadelt
ad person on Saturday
the 11th inst.

Rec^d Oct 9/73

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, October 7th 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent.

Sir;

I have the honor to
transmit herewith the following reports, to wit:-

1. Comparative Statement of Coinage executed for
the periods named.
2. Comparative Statement of Gold^{and} Silver Bars, manufac-
tured during the periods named.
3. Coiners' Report of Silver Proof Coins for the quarter
ending Sept. 30th 1873.
4. Coiners' Report of Silver Medals of a National
Character for the quarter ending Sept. 30th 1873.

The data from which the Comparative
Statement of Gold^{and} Silver Bars manufactured, was made,
was obtained from Mr. J. S. Lungren, Calculator.
and includes only those bars delivered to the
Cashier for payment.

I have the honor to remain

Very Respectfully, Your Obedt Servt

London Howard
Coiner.

A. Linda Snowden
Coined

Oct 7/73

Enclosing Slater
-ments of

1 Coinage

2. Bar

3. Silver proof Coins

4. Silver Medals

Rec Oct 7/73

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

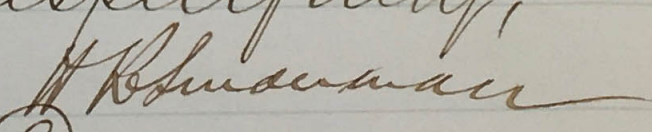
October 7, 1873.

Hon James Pallock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Please furnish me with
a statement of the profits
accruing from the manu-
facture of medals during
the fiscal year ending
June 30. 1873.

Very respectfully,


Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct. 7. 1873

Requests Statement
of the profits accruing
from the manufacture
of medals during
the fiscal year ending
June 30. 1873.

Rec'd Oct 8 1873

S. G.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, Oct 7th, 1873.

Sir:

Should not the net profits of
coinage on \$8059.⁴⁸/₁₀₀ silver from
Sault Ste. Marie, viz \$224.²³/₁₀₀, less \$29.⁶¹/₁₀₀ lost
on \$4285 gold. = \$194.⁶²/₁₀₀ as advised
in your letter of yesterday, have been
deposited with the Asst. Treas. ref.
Philadelphia, and from thence by
transfer order carried to the Bullion
Fund, instead of being taken there
direct as you advise.

Otherwise how are we to cover
the amount into the Treasury?

Very Respectfully,

L. J. Smith
Asst. Treas. U.S.

James Pollock. Supt.
U.S. Mint.

Philadelphia
Pa.

Wm Winter
Henry Haigh

Asst. Treas. U. S.
(Tuttle)
Washington
D.C.
Oct 7/73

Inquiring as to the mode
of transferring the Santa
Fe Silver [see letter of
Sept 15/73] to the
Bullion Fund of the
Mint.

Recd Oct 8/73

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 6, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

You will please cause
to be struck a medal in fine
gold from the "Robinson"
dies delivered to you by
Mr DePaquet.

The medal will be made
of the usual size as to diameter
and sufficient to bring up the
devices properly. You will
send to this office with the
medal a statement of the
value of the gold, for which
a

draft payable in gold coin
will be remitted).

I am in communication
with Mr. Krueger for a
suitable box for the medal.
Should he call upon you
I will thank you to furnish
him with any information
he may desire as to the
size of the medal.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct. 6/73

Ordering a
"Robinson" gold
medal struck
from the Pasquet
die.

Recd Oct 7/73

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, Oct. 6th 1873.

Now
James Pollock,
Superintendent.
Sir;

I herewith return to
you Reports in conformity with the blanks
furnished this Department.

I desire to direct your
attention to the fact that there were no blanks
either for Silver Medals, or Silver Proof Coins
struck within the Quarter. If these are
desired they will be furnished on your
request.

I have the honor to remain

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant
London Snowden
Coiner.

A. Landon Snowden
Coined
Oct. 6/73

Enclosing certain
reports as per blanks
furnished

Rec Oct 6/73

W.S.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October, 6th, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, in relation to the Coinage of silver.

The enclosed copy of a letter this day addressed to the Superintendent of the U.S. Assay Office at New York, will show the action of this office on the subject.

Very respectfully,
W. Linderman
Director.

Copy
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 6th 1873.

Thomas. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir.

I am in receipt of a communication from the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, stating that he is in receipt of thirty two (32) boxes of deposit silver, of which \$42,137 is for Trade dollars, and \$31,635 for dimes.

The Secretary of the Treasury having ordered the Philadelphia Mint to run to its full capacity, on the Coinage of Double Eagles, the Coinage of Trade dollars and dimes will for the present be impracticable, and it

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will be well for you to so inform the parties who have been in the habit of depositing for such coins.

The Superintendent at Philadelphia requests, that you will withhold invoices of silver, until the pressure for Gold Coinage shall have abated, and you will please do so, to the extent practicable.

As soon as the present unexpected heavy demand for Gold Coinage shall have subsided, the Coinage of Silver will be again resumed, and the requirements of depositors complied with.

I trust that the amount of Silver coins now on hand at your Office and the Philadelphia Mint will be sufficient to pay existing deposits for

Silver Coin.

If not, please inform me whether the
Asst. Treasurer at New York has any
of the required denominations on hand,
which could be made available for pay-
ing depositors by a transfer to the
Bullion Fund.

Very Respectfully,
(Signed) H. N. Lindeman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 6/73

Enclosing copy of
letter to ~~Asst Dir~~
~~Asst Dir~~ the Asst N.Y.
Assay office, to with-
hold invoices of
Silver for the present.
&c &c.

Recd Oct 7/73

H.B.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 6, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th inst,
requesting authority to resume
the coinage of 5¢ nickel coins,
has been received.

The Secretary is at present
absent from the city, but
upon his return the subject
will be presented to him
with my favorable recommend-
ation.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 6/73

Request to resume
Coinage of 5¢
Nickels, will be
submitted to the
Secy of the Treas
on his return from
a temporary absence

Recd Oct 7/73

MS.
Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 6, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3rd inst,
in relation to the valuation of
Foreign Silver Coins, has been
received.

In preparing the tables
you will be guided by the
valuation of the trade
dollar, viz $114\frac{2}{7}$ - as you
suggested, and which
valuation is hereby approved.

Very respectfully,
Edmundson
Director.

Directors of the Mint
Oct 6/73

In preparing
table of Foreign
Silver Coins, the
Trade Dollar
valuation $114\frac{2}{3}$
is approved.

Recd Oct 7/73

1168.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 6th, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 4th inst.
in relation to reporting the value of Foreign
Gold Coins, I have to say, that the course
you propose is approved.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 6/73

Appraising
Suggetions of the
4th Det. for reporting
the value of Foreign
Gold Coins.

Rec^d Oct 7/73

1168.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October, 6th, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.
Sir:

If you have Schedules of the Coins, Medals and other Specimens in the Cabinet of the Mint, I will thank you to furnish me with Copies thereof.

If you have no Schedules or inventory, you will please cause them to be prepared, and transmitted to this Office. It will be well to affix the Bullion value of the Gold ~~and~~ Silver Coins, Medals, Coins, &c, in the Cabinet.

According to my recollection, there has never been an order devolving the Custody of the Cabinet and its Contents on any

Officer of the Mint. Mr DuBois, the Assayer, has been styled "Curator," and as such, has carefully watched over, and perfected the Collection, ever since my first Connection with the Mint, but under what order I am unable to say.

Under the old law, the Power of the Director was undoubtedly sufficient to fix these matters either by written or verbal orders, but in view of the Change made by the Coinage Act, I am of the opinion, that a written order from you, devolving the Custody of the Cabinet on the Assayer, should be made, and after the approval of the Director and Secretary of the Treasury, deposited in this office, and a duplicate filed at the Mint.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 6/73

Wants Catalogue
and description
list of the Mint
Cabinet.

Special order
required under the
Coinage Act for
the official cur-
-tody of the Cabinet.

Rec^d Oct 7/73

Insured by ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

for

to

only.

For the Company,

Insurance, \$

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN EXPRESS FORWARDERS

\$

1,040.085

New York,

1873

Received from

Adm. Messrs. W. & J. Kepp

Sealed and said to contain

One Million & Forty Thousand & Eighty five Dollars for

Addressed

W. M. M. Philadelphia Pa

Upon the special acceptance and agreement that this Company is to forward the same to its agent nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there to deliver the same to other parties to complete the transportation—such delivery to terminate all liability of this Company for such package; and also, that this Company are not to be liable in any manner, or to any extent for any loss, damage or detention of such package, or of its contents, or of any portion thereof, occasioned by the acts of God, or by any person or persons acting or claiming to act in any military or other capacity in hostility to the government of the United States, or occasioned by civil or military authority, or by the acts of any armed or other mob or riotous assemblage, piracy or the dangers incident to a time of war, nor when occasioned by the dangers of railroad transportation, or ocean or river navigation, or by fire or steam, unless specially insured by this Company and as specified in this receipt. In no event is this Company to be liable for a greater sum than that above mentioned, nor shall it be liable for any such loss unless the claim therefor shall be made in writing, at this office, within thirty days from this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed, and the shipper and owner hereby severally agree that all the stipulations and conditions in this receipt contained shall extend to and enure to the benefit of each and every Company, or person, to whom the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY may entrust or deliver the above-described property for transportation, and shall define and limit the liability thereof of such other Company or person.

For the Company

Freight,

OFFICE OF

U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

New York,

Oct 6th, 1873.

Sir
I have this day forwarded to the
mint for recoinage 228 bars, returns of
13 melts at the Assay office in this city,
the stamped value of which is \$1,040,085.⁵⁵
as per statements herewith.

The amount to be recoined
now in your hands and to be forwarded
to you from this office will be about \$4,000,000.
and I desire to modify my letter of July 9th
1873 giving an estimate of coins wanted of a
less denomination than the double eagle,
so that the said estimate may read as
follows—
500,000. in dollars
500,000. in quarter Eagles
500,000. in Three dollar pieces
1,500,000. in Half Eagles
1,000,000. in Eagles.

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,
NEW YORK,

..... 187 .

.....
Ass't Treasurer.

No. of Enclosures

OFFICE OF
U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

New York, _____, 187 .

Will you please to direct that
coins of these denominations be
coming from the bars in your
hands and to arrive.

Very respectfully,

Wm. Billings
Asst. Treas.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,

Director U.S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

NEW YORK,

Oct 7. 1873.

Thos. Hillhouse

Ass't Treasurer.

Sends 228 bars of $\$1,040,085^{\frac{54}{100}}$

Sold for recoinage.

Modifies his requisition

of July 9/73 for gold
Coins below the Double
Eagle - making a total
of $\$4,000,000$.

No. of Enclosures

Recd Oct 7/73

N. 68.
Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October, 4th, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst stating that you are awaiting Gold from New York.

The following telegram was sent by the Secretary of the Treasury this A. M. to the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

"Please forward without delay to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for recoinage an additional supply of Gold bars."

A telegram of corresponding tenor was at the same time ^{sent} to Superintendent Acton from this Office, who replies as follows: "Mint owes this Office three

quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$) of a million; the supply will be maintained."

Very respectfully,
H. Randermaun
Director.

Directing the Mint
Oct 4/73

Orders have
been issued to
forward gold bars
to the Mint from
New York, for
coinage.

Recd Oct 6/73

1168
Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 4, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supr US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of date yesterday, in relation to the tables of foreign coins, has been received.

I think it will be best to value the silver coins by bringing them to a gold basis, on the assumption that the ratio of $15\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 is that of the relative values of gold and silver, and so state in a note or paragraph at the head of the statement. This is
the

the ratio in nearly all the states which maintain the double standard).

It might be well to make the note at the head of the statement a little more full, by adding that this rate is above the present market price).

Your suggestion to have some fixed valuation of silver, other than the rate for subsidiary coin, will be considered.

Very respectfully,

H. Robinson

Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct. 4. 1873

Directing the
Standard of
Valuations in
preparing the
Tables of
Foreign Coins.

Rec Oct 6/73

Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

4 October 1873

W^m Eyster
Dear Sir

Please deliver to Mr
Beckman, foreman of the Minor
Coinage Melting, nine thousand
Dollars in value of the two cent
bronze coin, & oblige

yours truly
J. C. Booth
M & R

Oct 4/73 Approved. J. C. Booth

Received
Oct. 6 - 73
of 88549.50
590
87959.50

The 590 is
allowance for
difference in
wt. of bags -
J. C. B.

J. C. Booth MAN

Oct 4/73

Requisition for
\$9,000. in 2 of coin
to make 1 of pieces

Recd Oct 4/73

OFFICE OF
U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

Boston, Mass., *Oct 3d*, 1873.

Sir;

Under instructions of the Hon.
Secretary dated September 29th 1873 I
forward to you this day by Adams
Express Company thirty five thousand
dollars (\$35,000) light-gold coin.

17 5
87 15
4 27 8
18,812 1/2

Very Respy
F. H. Haven
U. S. Asst. Treas.

Am. James Pollock
Superintendent
U. S. Mint
Phil. Pa.

OFFICE OF U. S. ASSISTANT TREASURER,

BOSTON, MASS.,

Oct 9., 1873.

T. Haven

Ass't Treasurer.

*Forwarding by
Express \$35,000. —
light gold coin
for recoinage.*

No. of Enclosures —

Rn Oct 5/73

Duplicate

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, October 3. 1873.

Hon. N. R. Linderman
Director &c. &c.
Sir

I have recently had the pleasure of making an exchange of newly-struck specimen coins, with the Hon: Col. N. Hyde, Master of Her Majesty's Mint at Calcutta. By this negotiation we have secured fine proof pieces of Indian Coinage, in gold, silver, and copper, for the Cabinet of this Mint; and are enabled to give statistics of the same in the Annual Tables of Foreign Coins, to be appended to your Report.

I also offer, as a contribution to that Report, and as a matter of general interest, some facts which have been elicited by correspondence with the very able Head of that Mint, just named. I may mention, that the interchange above stated, was initiated by Col. Hyde, and I was most happy to respond to the courtesy, and spirit of inquiry, thus manifested. At the same time I took the opportunity to ask some questions; that we Americans, the chief producers and shippers of silver,

might better understand why the farther nations of Asia, including Hindustan and British India, should so long and so unceasingly be the great gulf, so to speak, into which our silver is swept; and from whence it does not return.

I will first quote what he says, and follow it with a few remarks.

"Regarding your question as to what becomes of the vast amount of silver which flows into India:— It has to supply a currency for upwards of one hundred and sixty millions of people, as well as the bullion required for trade and manufacturing purposes. Some time since I abstracted the totals from the Mint Books, and I found that the total silver coinage issued from the Mint was, at the end of 1869, Rupees 1896, 115, 781; which gives per head of population Rs. 11.85.

"The existing currency has only been in circulation since the year 1835; all other currencies having been withdrawn and recoinced. Hence the issue has been Rs. 11. 13. 7 of Indian currency per head, during thirty five years.

"The waste in the currency during this period must have been great, as in India most of the jewels and plate were formerly made from coin. Hence this amount must have been much diminished, and

the amount in actual circulation is far below what I have given as the issue.

"In addition to this there are the Native States whose population I have not included, and who all have their own currencies.

"I estimate that about £1,200,000 of bullion is yearly consumed in arts and jewelry &c. in India."

For a better understanding of these figures, it should be stated that the rupee of British India, according to its legal weight and fineness, and at our present buying price (of 120 cents per ounce nine-tenths fine), is 45.84 cents. This makes, in our figures, the enormous coinage of 869,180,000 dollars, in thirty five years; nearly twenty five millions on an annual average. Then if we add to this, nearly six millions of dollars annually used in the arts, we can understand why there is such a market in the East, for the silver of the United States and Mexico.

Most of it, indeed, does not go there by direct trade, but through the medium of the great specie market of London. And after all, the "specie reserve" is less than ~~six dollars~~ five and a half dollars, per capita, for rich and poor.

These authentic facts have a value for us, though living on the other side of the globe.

It will of course be understood, that gold ^{does not} ~~hardly~~ enter at all into the currency there. In thirty five years they have coined only 1,266,232 mohurs, say 8,990,000 dollars, which makes but an inconsiderable annual rate. In fact, gold is not a legal tender; but ~~still~~, it comes into use for special purposes.

The Mint Laws of British India have been consolidated and amended by the act of 6th September 1870; without altering the previous standards of gold and silver coin.

In this connection it will not be amiss to remark, that notwithstanding the imposing array of silver currency, there has been, since the Act of 1861, "to provide for a Government Paper Currency," a large amount of paper money in use. The latest Act upon that subject bears the date of 20th January 1871; showing that it is a permanent and growing institution. The natives will not accept any thing but metallic money, silver or copper; but the commercial cities, and business centres require this facility, and extension of currency. The smallest note is for ^{five} ~~ten~~ rupees; rather less than ~~more~~ 2½ ~~pounds~~ dollars. ~~And~~ All ~~such~~ paper money is issued by the Government only; and

the issue has this important feature, that it is (in the language of the Act) "in exchange for the amount thereof in current silver coin of the Government of India; or, in exchange for the amount thereof in silver bullion, or foreign silver coin" at a rate specified. So that the silver is deposited with the Government for safe keeping, ^{and} for the convenience of having paper money, of equal value.

By the latest printed returns, the amount of this specie-paper was about one hundred and thirty millions of rupees, say sixty millions of dollars.

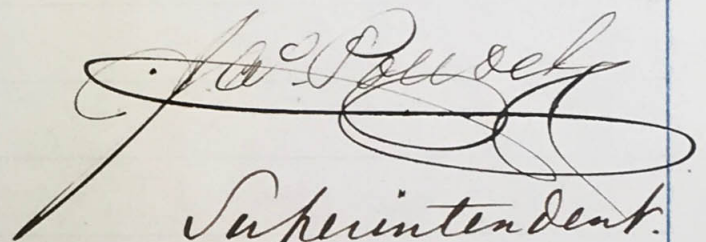
The amount of copper coined in the period mentioned, most of which must now be in circulation, is Rs. 37,458,000 ; equal to dolrs. 17,156,000. This, being a little over ten cents per head, is not so large as we supposed.

In a printed Report, ~~of the~~ dated in the present year, Col. Hyde remarks that the currency "is far from complete, it being a fact that in the remote parts of this vast country, coin has not yet superseded barter."

Such is a brief and condensed review of the monetary supply of a people numbering probably one-seventh of the whole population of the globe;

or we may say, ^{nearly} one-third of all that
make use of what is respectable enough
to be called money; counting out the
mis-named "cash," and cowries.

Very respectfully
your obed^t's servant


Superintendent.

W. E. Du Bois
Assays
Oct 3/73

Report on new
Coins from the Cal-
cutta Mint.

Explanation of
the continual ab-
sorption of Silver
by Asiatic nations.

Rec'd Oct 3/73

49.45
fr. 9.34
40.11

Treasury of the United States,

CASH DIVISION,

Washington Oct. 3rd 1873

Sir,

I forward to day, by express, mutilated gold and silver, nominally worth \$49⁴⁵. As this coin is part of the assets of a failed Nat^l bank it is desired that you should ascertain its actual value. Please deposit the same with Asst Treasurer, Philadelphia, to my credit in Transfer account, and forward notification to this office.

Very respectfully,

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Phila. Mint. A. Treas. U.S.

Asst Treas. U.S.

Washington

Oct 3/73

(Tuttle)

Forwards by Express
\$4945 mutilated gold &
silver coin, assets of
suspended Nat Bank.
for examination, and
deposits to transfer
etc

Rec Oct 4/73

Stillwater Minn Oct 3^d 1873
James Pollard Esq
Phl Pa

My Dear!

It is of vast importance
to me. If there is Silver in the
ore and if not it does not
matter. please try and
have it done. I would prefer
in having it done by your
Assayers. and by so doing
you will much oblige.

Respectfully
Yr

Louis D. Criss

L E Lorinus

Stillwater

Minn

In relation to
ores sent for
assay.

Recd Oct 5th 1873

N.B.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October, 2nd, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock.
Supt. U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to inform you, that your communication of the 1st instant, enclosing a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, and Certificate of Deposit for seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000), on account of the profits of Minor Coinage, has been received, and the enclosures have been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,
Wm. A. R. Anderson
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 2 / 73

C/K for \$70,000.
profits on Minor
Coinage rec'd
& forwarded to
the Sec'y Treasury

Rec'd Oct 3 / 73

M.C.S.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October, 2nd, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.
Sir:

The nomination of Henry H. Hagne,
as Laborer in the General Department of
your institution, submitted in your letter
of the 1st instant, is approved, to take
effect from the date of his official oath.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Directa y the Mint
Oct 2. 1873.

Appointment of
Henry H. Hague
Laborer, approved
at \$275 per diem,
to take effect from
the date of the date
of office.

Rec Oct 3/73

Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

2 October - 1873

Hon. James Pollock
Supt^{dt} U. S. Mint

Dear Sir,

In relation to a modification of the regulations for making deductions for base gold deposits, ^{the} I offer the following as my views:

1. That base bullion, in the Mint sense of that term is Gold or Silver alloyed with other metals than copper, because copper is the ~~the~~ only alloying metal allowed by law, and all others are detrimental to the precious metal in -
dangering its loss in refining. Thus Gold -
Jewelry of 13 carats is very much used & not regarded as base in common life, & yet, because of its content of Zinc in its alloying metal, it is impossible to work it in the fire, without severe loss, and

it is therefore base bullion
of the Mint operator.

2. Having adopted the
bullion, alluded to in the
report, I respectfully
be allowed to run a little
that it may be fairly tes-
tion rather coincides with
the Director that the deduction
~~some cases~~ ~~what~~ beyond the needs of
it would be wiser to test
fully, than to make frequ-

To substantiate my view
that I have only in a few
the amt. of deduction allo-
cations for Gold, since the
quoted by the Department
in a large number of cases
deducted one half, one, or

Nothing, of what the Reg-
Very

In fact, I do not believe ^{that} any system of
deductions can be devised irrespective of the
judgment of the proper officers, based on their experience & their observation
in every particular case

it is therefore base bullion in the eyes
of the Mint operator.

2. Having adopted the scale for base gold
bullion, alluded to in the letter of the Di-
rector, I respectfully suggest that it
be allowed to run a little longer, in order
that it may be fairly tested. My impres-
sion rather coincides with the opinion of
the Director that the deductions ~~are~~ ^{may be in} ~~some~~
~~some cases~~ ^{I think} beyond the needs of the case, but that
it would be wiser to test the scale more
fully, than to make frequent changes.

To substantiate my views, I will state
that I have only in a few instances used
the amt. of deduction allowed by the Regu-
lations for Gold, since they were promul-
gated by the Department, Director, and
in a large number of cases, I have not
deducted one half, aye, in some cases,
nothing, of what the Regulations permitted.

Very truly yours

L C Booth

M & R.

experience & their observation
in every particular case

Jas. C. Booth
M & P
Oct 2/73

Reductions in
Gold Bullion -
in reply to Directors
letter of Augt 13. and
Sept 16/73

Recd Oct 2/73

A.B.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October, 2nd, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Dypt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this
office, as early as convenient, the revised
table of Assays of foreign Gold and Silver
Coins.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 2/73

Wants revised
table of Foreign
Coins prepared
as soon as
possible.

Rec Oct 3/73

11.63
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October, 2nd, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Dypt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.
Sir:

Referring to your Statement of Coinage for the month of September, I notice the coinage of \$14,200 in five cent nickel pieces is reported.

The Secretary of the Treasury having under date of August. 15. th/73, suspended minor Coinage, I will, thank you to explain the item referred to.

I also note the coinage of 280,000 dimes, being more than two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the entire number of pieces of Gold and Silver struck during that month.

The Seigniorage on the Silver

Coinage being scarcely equal to the expense of coining the dimes, a reduction in the purchasing price of silver would appear to be desirable, if the demand for dimes is likely to be continued. If these pieces were designed for circulation in this country, their coinage should not be discouraged, but being expressly designed for Export, the case is different.

Very respectfully,
H. B. Sunderland
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct. 3 / 73

Wants Explanation
- Use of the Coins
of 5 of six Reals,
and dimes, during
the month of Sept.

Recd Oct 3 / 73

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Oct. 2^d 1873

Sir ⁱⁿ

Having called upon Prof. R. E. Rogers for the data to fill in the blank spaces left upon his report transcribed by me in July last, he informed me that he was aware of its incompleteness and would furnish all that is needed for its completion at an early day.

Very Truly Yours

S. R. Cowperthwaite

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Superintendent
Mint U. S.

L. R. Cowperthwaite
to
Superintendent

States that Prof Rogers will
furnish data to fill blanks
in his report of July

October 2^d 1873

1168.
Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October, 1st, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir;

The nomination of Miss Gertrude Harris, as Adjuster in the Coiner's Department of your institution, submitted in your letter of the 27th ultimo, is approved, to take effect from October 1, 1873.

Very respectfully,
H. B. Anderson
Director.

Ern Sheppard

Ern Doughton

Edw. McManis.

Director of the Mint
Oct 1. 1873.

Approving app^t of
Miss Gertrude Harris, as
Adj^{nt} at \$175 per ann.

Recd Oct 2/73

Copying Ink

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Oct 2 1873

Hon. James Pollock

Superintendent &c. &c.

Sir

Upon the subject of
silver dollars of Mexico, recently coined at
Chihuahua Mint, referred ^{to} by the Director to
you in letters dated Sept. 18 and 22,
I have the following to offer. as furnished me by
our assayer ^{at the} ~~the~~ ^{San Francisco} ~~San Francisco~~
The detailed statement from the
New York office, limited to dollars of 1873,
gives the variation in weight, from 407.1
to 430.7 grains; and the average fineness 904.

This surprising carelessness is only
a continuation of what they have been doing
for several years; whether with the old dies
or the new. Thus I find, of old dies, since
1870, 406.6 to 425.6 grains; of new dies,
407.7 to 423.2. The fineness is also
irregular, and generally quite above their

legal standard.

Although the coinage at that Mint is considerable, and by contiguity is apt to find its way into our country, yet as it is only one Mint out of seven or eight, we should not attach undue importance to its issues. A large lot of promiscuous Mexican dollars gave the fineness $900\frac{1}{2}$. The weight averages 416 to $416\frac{1}{2}$ grains.

Respectfully
Yours obt. serv't
W E DuBois
Assayer
~~Superintendent~~

~~Hon H. R. Linderman~~
~~Director~~

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Oct 2^d 1873
From W E Du Bois. Assay
er.

No. of Papers,

Subject, Variation in the
Weight & Fineness of New-
Mexican Dollars, as
Assayed at the New York
Assay Office.

Oct 2. 1873

MSD.
Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 7th, 1873.

Sir -

I enclose herewith for your information and use. Ten (10) copies of Circular No. 5, from this Bureau, relative to the par of exchange between Great Britain and the United States.

I am Sir, very respectfully
A. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon James Pollock

Superintendent U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa,

Director of the Mint
Oct 1/73

Enclosing 10 copies
Mint Bureau Cir-
-cular No. 5. con-
-taining Tables of
Exchange & prices
of England, under
the Coinage Act of
1873.

Recd Oct 2/73

Office of

The Gardner M'fg Co.

Manufacturers of

FRAMES

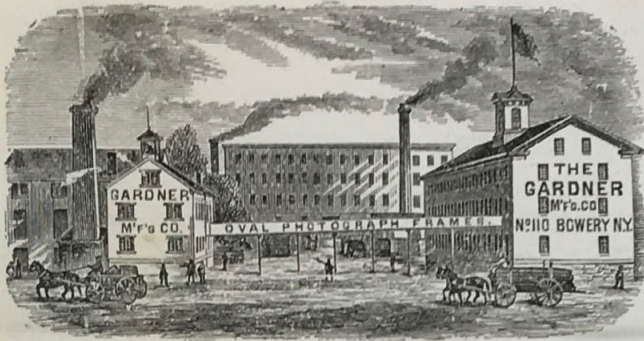
AND
LOOKING GLASSES,

Also, Gardner's Patent Perforated Chair Seat,

No. 110 BOWERY,

New York, Oct. 1st 1873.

O. L. GARDNER, PRESIDENT.
C. H. APPLGATE, VICE-PRESIDENT.
JOHN BOWMAN, TREASURER.



GLEN GARDNER, N. J.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philada, Pa.

Dear Sir,

Will you please inform me whether the Government ever coined a silver piece of the denomination of Twelve and a half Cents or $\frac{1}{8}$ of a dollar. and if coined was it ever issued and put in circulation? An early reply will oblige

Very Resp.
John Bowman
110 Bowery
N.Y.

John Bowman
New York

Oct 1/73

Asks if a 12 1/2 of piece
Silver was ever coined
by the U.S. Govt

R Oct 2. 1872

Copy.

August 2^d 1873.

Sir -

I have to acknowledge receipt of your favor of yesterday, reporting the result of the test assays, of samples of imported Bars, from the Carson Mint, and to express my thanks, for the thorough and prompt manner in which the work has been done.

You will please send to this office the value of the gold & silver used in the assay, and the value of the quantities not used; that is to say, the gold value will be returned in gold coin, and the silver, in silver coin. This course is necessary in consequence of the item appearing in correspondence as charged against this office.

As soon as I shall have had
time for careful consideration of the
Report, I will communicate further
with you upon the subject.

Very Respectfully,
(Signed) H. R. Linderman.

Director,

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Director of the Mint
Aug't 2/73

Proceeds of samples
of unparted bars from
Canyon Mint, to be
forwarded to the Direc-
tor of the Mint, in
gold and silver coin
respectively.

(Copy.)

Rec'd Aug't 4/73

A.G.S.
Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October, 1st, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.
Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 30th ultimo, please find enclosed a copy of a letter of August, 2nd, in relation to proceeds of samples of unparted bars from the Carson Mint.

Very respectfully,
N. R. Linderman
Director.

MSD.
Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October, 1st, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 30th ultimo, please find enclosed a form for reporting the Officers, Clerks and employes of the Mint, with their salaries, &c.

Very respectfully,
H. B. Anderson
Director.

Director of the Mint
Washington

Oct 1/73

Enclosing form for reporting
Officers, clerks & employees
at the Mint

Rm Oct 2. 1873

Names.	Official title.	Compensation Per annum. Per diem.		Where born..	From where appointed.

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Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 1, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th ultimo to the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing a statement of the gold and silver coins on hand at the close of business on that day, has been referred to this office.

In order that the Department may be advised as to the coin on hand, you will please send a similar statement at the close of business every Saturday.

Saturday. Include the minor coins in the statement.

It will not be necessary to transmit this statement by letter, your instructions to the cashier to enclose the same will be sufficient.

Very respectfully,

H R Lunden

Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 1/73

Wants weekly
Statement from
Clerks of Mint &
denominations of
Coins in Bullion
Fund - Also Mints
Coins.

Recd Oct 2/73

1st October 1873.
2 East India Avenue
Leadenhall St-
London

Dear Sir

I received your favor
of 13th ult. this morning &
have to thank you for the
three coins it contained viz.
two Gold Dollars & one Silver
do. which I shall forward
to my Father on the first
opportunity. Again thanking
you I remain yours sincerely
Edgar V. H. H.

James Pollock Esq.
Philadelphia

Edgar Hyde
London Eng.
Oct 1. 1873

Ack's rec't of
2 U.S. gold dollars
1 " Silver do, to
be forwarded to his
Father Col Hyde,
Master of the Mint
at Calcutta.

Recd Oct 13/73

Copying Ink

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, October 1. 1843

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent U. S.

Sir,

You have referred to me
a letter from the Director of August 13, and
one of September 16, ~~ref~~ both on the
subject of a further revision of the rules
of deduction from base bullion.

I have before me also, a copy of
those Rules, dated August 1.

This being a question of losses in melting,
(and not of Mint Charges) falls more properly
within the cognizance of the Melter and
Refiner; nevertheless, I have no hesitation
in giving the opinion, that it is quite
undesirable to re-open that subject, and
to disturb the conclusions which have
been arrived at, and which are embodied

in the Director's letter of August 1st.

After all, the limitation of such deductions is in some degree a matter of opinion or hypothesis, and the main point now is, to see how it works. Before we have had a fair trial of that, it does not seem worth while to make alterations.

A question is asked, "whether any gold bullion above 400^{ms} should be termed base bullion." Base is a vague term, and also a matter of opinion; in my own mind, gold above 600 need not be so designated. We wear gold watches and chains, of gold not a whit higher; and nobody would like to ^{have} these stigmatised as "base gold."

Very respectfully,
W. E. DuBois
Assayer

W. E. DuBois, Assay
~~Mint of the United States.~~

Philadelphia, Oct 1. 1873.

~~No. of Papers,~~

Subject, Deductions on
gold bullion - in
reply to Minister's letter
of Aug't 13 + Sept 16/73

Rec Oct 1/73

W.C.S.
Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October, 1st, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to inform you that your communication of the 29th ultimo, enclosing a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, & Certificate of Deposit for fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) in Silver Coin, has been received, and the enclosures have been forwarded to the Secretary.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Oct 1/73

C/S for \$15,000. Silver
in 9/16 profits on Silver
Coin, rec forwarded
to Secy Treas.

Rec Oct 2/73

Germanantown Sept 30 1873
Hon^r James Pollock
Director of the Mint of the
United States, Phila.

Dear Sir:

I always hesitate to write
you respecting appointments at the
Mint, and would not trouble you
now were it not that I have a very
special case pressing upon me, I
therefore beg to recommend for em-
ployment Mr Henry H. Hague.

Mr Hague is eminently worthy
of your favor, he is in all respects a
good man, and his appointment
would speciallly oblige & serve me.

Faithfully yours
A. C. Harmer

Wm. F. Starna M.
Sept 30/73

Recommending the
appt of Henry H. Hagne
as Laborer in the field

Oct 1. appt made &
forwarded to Pres. of the Ch.
for approval.

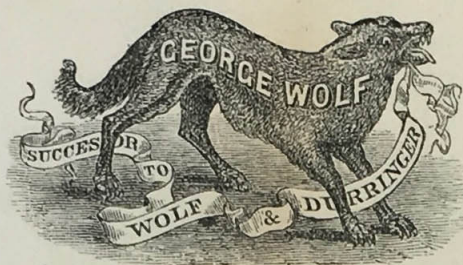
Rec Oct 1/73

Post Office, Philadelphia, Pa.

Nov. 5 1873

The Superintendent of the
Mint will please deliver
to bearer the box of plates,
dies &c

J. M. Ireland
Asst. Secy.
Wash. D.C.



WHOLESALE
WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY,
TOOLS AND MATERIAL,
CORNER FIFTH AND MARKET STREETS.

Louisville, Ky., Oct 1 1873

James Pollock Esq. Supt
Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Sir,

Is there not an error in
Memorandum No 198 Sept 23 - of Silver
Tullion 119,58 Standard Weight, amounting to
\$143.50 in half dollars.

Please give this your attention and
couple a favor on

Yours Respectfully
George Wolf
Per Henry

1295, 122.30

244600
272
11958
142496
142496

Fama
Geo Wolf.
Louisville. Ky.
Suggesting error in
Memorandum of Sher
Bullion No 198. Sep 23/73

Date Oct 1/73
Ans. n. 6 p.m.
No error in

Recd Oct 3^d 1873.

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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Sept 30, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to the instructions heretofore issued, directing the Mint to be run to its full capacity on the coinage of Double Eagles, and directing also the work to proceed during extra hours, I have now to add that the capacity of the mint being regarded as sufficient for the coinage of about ten millions per month in Double Eagles, you will be expected to coin that amount

amount per month until otherwise instructed.

You will make requisition on the appropriations for such amounts as may be required to meet the expenses necessarily incident to the observance of these instructions.

As this unexpected demand upon the Mint for coin will involve an excess of expenditures over the appropriations, (for wages and Incidentals) you will submit before the meeting of Congress, an estimate of the amount which will be required to meet the same.

You will report the amount of coinage executed at the close

close of each week).

Very respectfully,
H. R. Underman
Director.

Approved:

M^{rs} A. H. Gordon,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Director of the Mint
Sept 30. 1873
app'd by Sec'y Treasury.

A coinage of \$10,000,000.
per month, in Double
Eagles, required, until
further orders.

Extra requisitions,
& estimates for deficiencies,
to be made.

Coinage to be re-
ported weekly.

Rec'd Oct 1/73

ABJ.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Sept 30, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supr U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir: I have to request that
you furnish this office, at the
earliest practicable moment,
with a statement of the number
of \$1^s, \$2^½ and \$5^{gold} pieces consti-
tuting a part of the "Bullion
Fund" of your institution.

Very respectfully,

H R Luman
Director.

\$1^s - 596.

2^½ - 6,980.

5⁰ - 5,470.

Director of the Mint
Sept 30. 1873

Wants Statement
of the number of
\$1⁰, \$2¹/₂ & \$5 gold pieces
constituting part of the
Bullion Fund of the
Mint.

Rec Oct 1/73

Treasury of the United States,

CASH DIVISION.

Washington Sept. 30 " 1873

Sir,

I forward today by express mutilated, foreign and counterfeit gold and silver coins amounting nominally to \$62.15. This being part of the assets of a failed Nat^l Bank it is desired that you should decide their actual value, and deposit the same to my credit with Asst. Treasurer Philadelphia in transfer account.

Please advise me of this transaction.

Very respectfully

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint, Phila.

L. J. Travis
A. Treas. U.S.

Asst Treas U.S.
(Tuttle)
Washington D.C.

Sept 30/73

Forwarded by
Express \$62.75 in
defective gold & silver
coin, assets of Sur-
-plus of Nat. Bk. for
recoinage & deposit

Rec Oct 1/73

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1873/OCTOBER (CONT.)

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1873 / NOVEMBER

ABD.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

RF
November 26th, 1873.

Sir - I return herewith the statements showing the amount of Gold and Silver coin on hand in your institution at the close of business on the 20th, 21st and 22^d instant.

In the statement of the 20th instant the amount of silver shipped to New York Assay Office (\$24,898,28) is not deducted, and the balance appears as \$32,442,20, instead of \$7,548,92. This latter balance, if correct affects all subsequent statements.

In the statement of the 21st instant, the balance

Hon James Pollock.

Superintendent &c
Philadelphia Pa

balance at the close of business as shown
by your report, is \$33,426,70.

The statement for the 22^d, however, brings
the balance forward as \$63,442,20.

As the object in asking for these reports
is to check with the daily returns received
from the Assay office at New York, I will
thank you to make the proper corrections.

I am, Sir, very respectfully
Wm. H. Richardson
Secretary.

Secretary of the Treasury
Wm A Richardson

Nov-26. 1873.

Returning Statements
of the 20. 21. 22^d
inst. showing amt
of gold and silver
on hand at close
of business &c.

Recd Nov 27th 1873

Mint of the United States,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, Nov. 26. 1873.

To the
Superintendent.

Sir;

I have the honor
to report the following Coin on
hand at the end of this day's work,
to wit;

Gold.

Double Eagles	\$ 11.000
Quarters do	10.000
Dollars	15.000

Silver

Half Dollars	\$ 25.000
Quarters do	4.000
Dimes	4.000

Very Respectfully

Yours Obt. Servt

A. London Snowden
Coiner

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Boiner
to Snowden
Nov-26. 1873

Report of boim on
hand at close of
this day.

Recd Nov 26. 1873

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

November 25, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. calling attention to the omission from the blanks sent to you, of statements of "Gold and Silver of Domestic Production," and "Deposits & Purchases," and to inform you that these forms have this day been mailed to your address.

Very respectfully
H. C. Whannet.
For the Director.

H. C. Johanna
for
Director (Mint)
Linderman.

Nov 25. 1873

Letter of the 24th
recd. Statements
forwarded.

Recd Nov 26, 1873

All Official Letters to the Department proper must be addressed to the "Secretary of the Treasury," and in replying to Letters from the Department the initials on the upper left hand corner should be referred to.

RL
EBD

Treasury Department,

My

Washington, D. C., November 25, 1873.

Sir:

Enclosed I return the full set of C/D #55 issued the 11th instant by the U.S. Assistant-Treasurer Philadelphia, in favor of John T. Collins, Coll Customs &c, for \$44.78 coin on account of duties on imports.

This set of certificates was received at this office in a letter from J. D. Geddings, U.S. Assistant-Treasurer, Charleston S.C. dated the 14th instant, and it appears that this deposit was made by you being the proceeds of recoinage of an amount of \$45.50, light coin, which that officer had through a misapprehension of the instructions of this Department received from Mr. Collins the 31st ultimo and forwarded to you giving therefor a memorandum receipt.

Upon learning that such action had been taken instructions were given Mr. Geddings to cancel the receipts and to issue the usual certificate in favor of Mr. Collins for the nominal

value of the deposit \$45⁵⁰ and to credit the U.S. Treasurer with the amount; which has been done.

To correct the errors which have arisen in this matter Mr. Geddings has this day been instructed to charge the Treasurer with the amount, \$45⁵⁰, as a transfer of funds to the Philadelphia Mint and I have to request that you make such changes in your accounts as may be necessary to credit the Treasurer with such transfer. For

credits in your account you will please present the enclosed set of C/D to the Assistant Treasurer in your city have them cancelled and a new set issued in your favor for same amount as a transfer of funds, the original of which you will please forward to this office, and charge the Assistant Treasurer accordingly. You will charge the U.S. Treasurer with the difference 72 cents in your accounts for this quarter for which he is to be reimbursed from the appropriation for loss and expense involved in the recoinage of gold coins &c Act June 10 1872.

James Pollock Esq
Supt. of Mint

Philadelphia, Pa

Respectfully

Wm. T. Richardson

Secretary

Secy Reading
(Richardson)
Nov 25/73

Returns for correction
of alleged errors in 9th
of J.D. no. 55. p. 44⁷⁸
and favor of John T. Collins
Col. of Artillery, Brunswick
Ga. for J.D. Giddings,
Asst. Secy. U.S. at
Charleston S.C.

Recd Nov. 26/73



ENOS W. TAFT,

General Insurance Agent.

Burlington, Vt, 22nd Nov. 1873.

No. 3 Bank Block, College Street.

Hon. James Pollock

Sir

I have a piece of a Upper Bolt about $\frac{7}{8}$ th of an inch in diameter which I would like to get a "Proof Set" (complete) of this year struck from
Can I get it done, and if so, how much in length of said Bolt will it take and what will it cost me?

will you please send me a "Mint Report" for the year ending June 30th 1873 & also a list of the Medals &c. for sale at the Mint
An early answer will oblige

Yours Respi

Enos W. Taft
Box 352

E W Tapp
Burlington
Vt

Nov 22. 1870

Wants proof sett
struck from copper
bolt. also Link
Report &c.

Recd Nov 25/73

Assistant-Treasurer of
United States - New York

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Lauphate

Philadelphia

N. W. 5th

1873

C. I. Penwick

TO AMERICAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, Dr.

LOUIS C. MADEIRA, General Agent,

Nos. 237 and 239 Dock Street.

For Freight and Primage on Mdze.,

per

Pennsylvania

from Liverpool, as per Bill of Lading.

£ 4. 5. 1

at 116 1/2 per cent. Exchange, \$ 22.04

Received Payment.

Louis C. Madeira genl. agt.

Wm. H. Knight

The General Order will be issued

on

the

inst.

HPG
Treasury Department,

November 22, 1873.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the
20th instant, to the Secretary, requesting the admission, free
of duties and charges, of certain glass and stone
ware,

imported for the use of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Pa,
in the
at the port of Philadelphia, Pa.,
from England.

The Collector of Customs at that port has been instructed
accordingly.

I am, very respectfully,

D. D. Hartney

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

H. C. Hickok, Esq.,

Acting Superintendent,

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Asst Secy of Treasury
Nov 22. 1873

Relation to the admission,
free of duty & charges, of
certain Glass ware for use
of the Mint

Rec^d Nov 24th 1873

Know all Men by these Presents, THAT
 J. E. L. Pruviet of ~~the City of New York~~,
 Millbarn, N. J., my place of business
 being in the City County and State
 of New York

Do make, constitute and appoint

true and

lawful Attorney for and in name
 to enter in due form of law, at any Custom House in the
 United States of America, **All** goods, wares and merchandise, which have been imported
 or may hereafter be imported by or which have arrived, consigned, or may hereafter
 arrive, consigned to or in which or may be interested or concerned

And for and in name
 to sign, seal, execute and deliver, all and every bond and bonds which may be required to
 secure the duties thereon, or for the transportation or exportation of the same; or any other
 bond or bonds required by the revenue laws or the regulations of the Treasury department
 of the United States, or the Collector of the Customs of the District of New York, relative
 to any such Merchandise; or which may be necessary to obtain the debenture and debentures,
 upon such of the said goods, wares and merchandise as may be exported for or on
 account. **To have**, take and receive all debenture certificates to be issued there-

upon for and in name to
 endorse, assign and transfer the same; or have, take and receive the monies due and to grow
 due thereon: And generally as Attorney to do, transact and perform all
 Custom House business, of what kind soever, in which or may be interested,
 or concerned, as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes, as if present
 there in person, could do; also, to set seal to any instrument which may be necessary
 in the premises, and the same to acknowledge for to be deed; and generally
 to do and perform all things relating to the premises which could lawfully
 do if personally present, and as fully and effectually, to every intent and purpose, although
 the same should seem to require more precise or special authority than is herein expressed.

And especially authorizing and empowering said Attorney for and in
 name to sign, seal, execute and deliver all Bonds
 of Indemnity and other specialties, and also all other documents which may be necessary for
 effecting the premises; hereby ratifying all and whatsoever said Attorney may
 lawfully do by virtue hereof.

And hereby further authorize said Attorney or either of them, at any
 time, and from time to time at discretion, by proper letters of Attorney to substitute
 any other person or persons for in place, and the same at
 pleasure to revoke, hereby giving to the substitute or substitutes, as full power and authority
 in the premises as is hereby given to said Attorney. And also hereby ratify-
 ing and confirming all and every act, matter and thing, that said Attorney
 or substitute or substitutes may do in the premises by virtue of these presents.

And it is hereby DECLARED and understood, that this power shall be and remain in full force and virtue, until revoked by written notice given to the Collector.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of November 1873

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED }
IN THE PRESENCE OF }

W. L. Bennett.

E. L. Fenwick

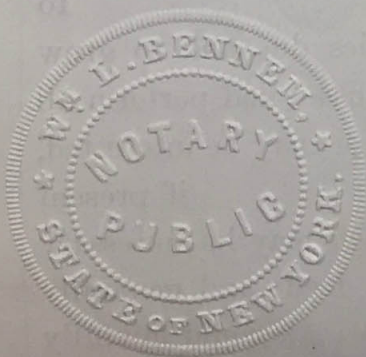


City, County & State of New York
County of

Be it Known, That on the ~~seventeenth~~ day of November 1873 personally appeared the above named E. L. Fenwick

and acknowledged before me the foregoing power of Attorney to be his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office the ~~seventeenth~~ day of November 1873



W. L. Bennett

Notary Public
State of New York

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

November 21, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of December, 1873, has been approved for the sum of \$3,158.34, from the following Appropriations, viz:

Salaries, 1874	3,158.34.
Wages of Workmen, 1874	15,000.00.
Contingent Expenses, 1874	5,000.00.

Very respectfully,
H. C. Johannes.
For the Director.

Director of the Mint
Linderman

November 21. 1873.

The requisition to meet
expenses of the mint
for month of Dec
has been approved.

Recd Nov 22, 1873

S. G.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, Nov. 21st, 1873.

Sir:

Will you please send me for comparison with my books statements showing condition of the Bullion Fund, and Nickle Account on the 31st ult^o?

Very Respectfully,

A. A. Munn
Treasury.

James Pollock.
Supt. of Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Bullion Fund \$1,211,919.82

Minor Coinage $\frac{1}{2}$ 25,889.42

Reissue $\frac{1}{2}$ 33,300. —

Minor Coinage

Redemption Fund } 121,002.75

Treasurer U S
(Spinner)

Nov 21. 1872

Wants statement
of condition of
Bullion Fund &
Nickel &c on the
31st ult.

Recd Nov 22, 1872



Mint of the United States,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, Nov. 21st 1873

W. C. Hickok Esq
Acting Superintendent.
Sir:

I have the
honor to make the following
statement of coin on hand at
the close of this days' work, to
wit:-

Gold

Double Eagles	\$ 11,000.
Quarter do	10,000.
Dollars	800

Silver

Trade Dollars	\$ 1,000
Half do	4,000
Quarter do	25,000

Respectfully Yours
A. Lindin Swindler
Comer B.

corner of the Mink
(Snowden)
Nov 21. 1873

born on hand at
close of this day.

Recd Nov 21. 1873

H. B. Vincent & Bro.

DEALERS IN

WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, SILVER AND SILVER PLATED WARE,

Spectacles, Cutlery, Organs, Melodeons, Guitars, Violins, Accordeons, Strings, &c., &c.

Manufacturers of Plain Gold Rings, Coin Pins and Drops, Gilt and Rosewood Picture Frames,

McConnelsville, Ohio,

Nov 21st 1873

Director of U. S. Mint
Philada Pa

Dr Sir

As we see it
stated in the public prints that the Government
will not Exchange Coin for Currency on any
conditions, At what rate will you Exchange Small
Silver Coins for gold? And also at what rate the
new "trade dollar". We wish to simply use the
small coins for change in our business —
Awaiting Your reply

We are

Yours truly

H. B. Vincent & Bro

The Trade dollar can only be had in payment for
bullion deposited; and small silver can be had
for gold in sums not less than \$100 — dollar for
dollar —

St. B. Vincent & Dr.
McConnellsville
O.
Nov 21/73

Inquires about
the Trade Notes,
and buying Silver
and for Gold

Rec'd Nov 22/73

2. Treasury of the United States,

CASH DIVISION,

Washington Dec. 4 1873.

Sir:

I return, herewith, letter of Nov. 20th received from you, acknowledging receipt of \$5.500., to be returned in minor coins.

As no such money has been sent by me, it is doubtless a mistake in the address, at your office.

Very respectfully,

L. J. Fowler

Asst. Treas.

J. A. Pollock,

Supt. U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia,

Pa.

Asst Treasurer U.S.
(Tuttle)
Washington D.C.
Dec 4/73

Returning ack' of receipt of
\$5,500 sent for Minor coins,
which should have been
sent to Asst Treas New York

Rec Dec 5, 1873

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Nov 20th 1873

Sir

Your Express package containing \$5.50. = to be returned in Minor Coins, has been received.

The amount of five cent pieces will be forwarded to you in a day or two, but the one cent pieces cannot be sent until next week as we have none on hand.

Very Respectfully

H. C. Hickok

Acting Superintendent

Hon F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

P. 1393.

Mint of the United States,
PHILADELPHIA.

Nov 20th 1873

JAMES POLLOCK,

Superintendent.

Subject

Acknowledging
receipt of \$5,500.

Sent for Minor Coins

No. of Enclosures,

CASH

RECEIVED

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has been received.
The amount of this sum is \$5,500.00 and the
same is being paid to the
Mint of the United States
at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
J. Edgar Hoover

James P. Pollock
Superintendent
Mint of the United States
Philadelphia

Treasury Department,

Nov. 20, 1873.

Will the Sup^t. of the Mint at
Phila. please return per Adams & Co
two $\frac{1}{2}$ dollar gold pieces (if such
are ⁱⁿ his possession) in exchange for
the enclosed gold dollars and
oblige

Yours Respec

H. A. Whitney

Treasurer Office

and - care.

C. P. Burdick

To.

Adams & Co

Wm Pollock
Supt & Co

Treasury Dept.

H. A. Whitney
U. S. Treasury
Washington
D. C.
Nov. 20/73

Wants 2 gold $\frac{1}{2}$ Dollars
in Exchange for 1 gold
dollar

Rec^d Nov. 20/73

Mint of the United States,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, Nov. 20 - 1873.

N. B. Hickok Esq

Actg Supt.

Sir;

I have the honor to
make the following statement of
Coin on hand, at the close of
this day's work. to wit:-

Gold

Double Eagles	\$ 11,000
Quarter "	10,000
Dollars	800

Silver

Trade Dollars	\$ 1,000
Half "	20,000
Quarter "	25,000

Respectfully Yrs.

A. Loudon Snowden

Coiner

B.

Coiner of the Mint.
(Snowden)

Nov 20th 1873

Coin on hand at
close of this day.

Recd Nov 20 - 1873

Nov 20 1873

Franklin Ky

Assayer of the
United States Mint

I send a specimen
for you to examine.
Please report its value
if any to

Henry Harris

Bog iron, of no account
unless there is a great bed
of it, in which case it
might pay to set up ^{an} iron furnace.

Henry Harris
Franklin

Nov 20th 1873 Ky

Recd Nov 24/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

November. 19, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.
Sir:

On the 15th of September last, you were requested to forward to this Office a list of the Officers, Clerks and employes of your institution with their Salaries, nativity, &c. for the use of the Register of the Treasury in the preparation of the "Biennial Register."

In reply thereto, you transmitted under date of October, 10, 1873, such a list but of Officers and Clerks only. You will, therefore, please prepare at the earliest possible convenience,

a complete list of the Officers, clerks
and employes of your Mint, and
forward the same to this Office.

Very respectfully,
H. C. Johannes.
For the Director.

Director of the Mint
(Mr. Johannes)
Nov. 19/73

Wants complete
list of all the officers,
clerk & employees of
the Mint.

Recd Nov 20/73

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, Nov. 19th 1873.

H. C. Hickok Esq
Acting Superintendent.
Sir;

I have the honor to report the following amount of Coin on hand, at the close of today's work, to wit:-

<u>Sold</u>	
Double Eagles	\$ 11.000
Quarter "	140.000
Dollars	800
<u>Silver</u>	
Trade Dollars	\$ 1.000
Half "	25.000
Quarter "	25.000

Very Respectfully
Yours Obt Servt
A. Loudin Snowden
Coiner
B

Corner of the Mint
(Snowdon)

Nov 19. 1873

born on hand
at close of this
day.

Recd Nov 19. 1873

Way Bill No. 51, of one Sealed Package No. 51, containing
\$275.41, (Two hundred Seventy five and 41/100) delivered to Am Express Company
at Rochester N.Y. May 19th 1873, for transportation to
St. Louis and Philadelphia, and deposit to the credit of the Treasurer
Director
of the United States, on my account for Duties on Exports

J. M. Davy
Collector

District of

Genesee

44. R. R. Carter, S. of Dep.

For instructions as to the use of this Way Bill, see the back thereof.

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY

ACCOUNT AGAINST THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

For the Month of _____, 186 ,

on account of the _____

Voucher No. _____

INSTRUCTIONS.

The consignor will in all cases carefully fill up and sign the within Way Bill, and inclose it in the package of money to be transmitted. The consignee will promptly, as soon as the count of the money can be verified, endorse upon the back of this Way Bill—upon the lines below the word “Voucher”—the word “Correct,” if such be the fact; and if not, let him endorse what the facts are; signing his name and official title, the place where he is located, and the date of the endorsement—delivering the Way Bill, after this has been done, to the Express Company, to be used by them as a voucher in their accounts against the Treasury Department for transportation of the money.

Custom House, Rochester, N. Y.,

Collector's Office, Nov 19th, 1873

Sir,

In accordance with Depart
ment ^{Letter} ~~Circular~~ of April 3, 1873.

I have forwarded by Am Express
One bag containing \$2757⁵⁰ Two
hundred & seventy five ^{doll.} dollars. The true
value of which amount, I wish to deposit
with the Asst US Treasurer Philadelphia
to the credit of the US Treasurer on
account of duties on Imports.

I am very respectfully
Yours
J. R. Carter
Asst Collector

To
Director US Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Custom House, Collector's Office,

ROCHESTER, N. Y.,

Nov. 19, 1873.

D. K. Sullivan
Sp. Dep. Collector.

Forwarding by
Express \$275. in
shaded gold coin,
for Recoinage
deposited.

Recd Nov 22/73
No. of Enclosures, 1.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

THOS. T. ECKERT, Gen'l Sup't,
NEW YORK.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't,
GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y. } NEW YORK.

Dated

New York Nov 19 187

Received at S. E. cor. 3d and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia.

To

Con Jas Tallack

Subt Mint Phila
Pa

Send twenty five thousand
dollars in half dollars
today if possible for
transfer by instructions
the secretary from

Thos C Acton

supt

29 Pd Govt rate

N.Y. Assay Office
(Attn)
Nov. 19/73

Wants \$26,000. in
Half Dollars today
if possible.

1 Rec^d Nov. 19/73

4.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

November 19th 1873.

Sir -

I have this day mailed to you by separate package the following forms, viz

Statements of Coinage Executed.

Statements of Gold and Silver of domestic production.

Statements of Deposits and purchases.

Statements of Bars manufactured.

These forms are to be used in place of the monthly statements heretofore made from your institution.

Hon James Pollock
Superintendent &c
Philadelphia Pa

I am Sir very respectfully
H B Johannes.
For the Director

Director, the Mint
(in Johannes)
Nov. 19/73

Forwarded by mail
new blank forms for
Monthly statements of
1. Coinage executed,
2. Gold & Silver of
domestic production,
3. Deposits & purchases,
4. Bars manufac-
-tured.

Recd Nov. 20/73

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

Chicago, Ill., 19th Nov, 1873.

Sir,

I beg to refer to my advice of 11th instant of shipment of \$280. in Nickels for redemption in conformity with Department Circular of 24th March.

The 'Adams Express Co' presents me with a charge of \$10.80 for transp'n of this shipment from this office of redemption to the mint, which appears to me in error. - As I understand from the Circular referred to, that the owner pays only transp'n of his coin to my office, and this being the first instance of charge to me on my frequent shipments to the mint of minor coins for redemption, I await explanation before payment thereof. - Very Respectfully,

J. D. Webster,

per Wm Nichols,

Acting Asst U.S. Treas'r.

To Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,
CHICAGO, ILL.,

19 Nov., 1873.

J. D. Webster
U. S. Assistant Treasurer.

Enquiry about the
Express Charge on Mineral
Cords he had forwarded
to the Mint for re-
demption.

No. of Enclosures, —

Recd Nov 21/73

W. J. Hutchins, Resident.

T. L. Blanton, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE BANK OF HOUSTON.

Houston, Texas. Nov 19th 1872

Wm D. Le Fickak, Actg Supt

Dear Sir U S Mint

Your favor
of the 15th inst is received
with ~~currency~~ ^{ed} enclosures as stated -

\$2¹⁰ express charges refunded.
With thanks

Yours very respectfully
T. L. Blanton
Cay

H. L. Blanton Co.,
Houston
Texas

Nov. 19/73

Ack'd acct of \$2¹⁰
recharged Expressage.

Recd Nov 24/73

Mint of the United States
 Philadelphia Nov. 19. 1873

Statement

Showing the amount of Gold and
 Silver coin delivered to the Carriers of
 the Coin; ~~the amount put out for circulation~~ the amount shipped to the
 Assay Office, New York; and the
 balance of such Coin ^{on hand} at the close
 of business this day; and the amount in
 the Coiners hands not delivered.

Gold.

Balance on hand at closing business Nov. 18. 1873	\$763,072.50
Rec ^d from Coiners ^{Nov. 19.} in Half Eagles	167,000.00
<u>Total</u>	\$930,072.50
Shipped to N.Y. Assay Office	\$None
Paid depositors	1,337.84
<u>Bal on hand</u>	<u>\$928,734.66</u>

Silver

Bal. ^{on hand} at closing business Nov. 18. 1873	\$10,649.66
Rec ^d Nov 19 from Coiners in Quarter Dollars	26,000.00
<u>Total</u>	\$36,649.66
Shipped to N.Y. Assay Office in 1/4 Dollars \$26,000.00	6,193.46
Paid depositors	32,193.46
<u>Bal on hand</u>	<u>\$4,456.20</u>

Amount of Coin in the Coiners hands
 not delivered.

Gold —	Double Eagles	\$11,000.	
	Quarter Eagles	140,000.	
	Dollars	800	\$151,800.
Silver —	Trade Dollars	\$1,000.	
	Half Dollars	25,000.	
	Quarter do	25,000.	\$51,000.

M.D.
H.C.

Treasury Department.

My

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Nov. 18th, 1873.

Sir

You are hereby directed until otherwise ordered, to furnish a daily statement showing the amount of coin on hand in the Cashier's Office at the close of the day: the amount of coin delivered to the Cashier by the Coroner and the amount on hand not delivered, and also the amount shipped each day to the Assay Office, New York.

Very respectfully

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia Pa.

Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury

Sec'y Treasury
(Mint Bureau)
Nov. 18/73

Wants daily State-
ment of

1. Amt of coin on hand
in Cashier's office, at close
of business.

2. Amt delivered by
Coiner to the Cashier, and
amt on hand in Coiner's
hands undelivered.

3. Amt forwarded
to N.Y. Assay Office.

Rec^d Nov. 19/73

CAPITAL \$100,000.

HORACE STEELE,
PRESIDENT.

RALPH K. PAIGE,
CASHIER.

PAINESVILLE

SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION

W. J. Morgan & Co. Lith. Cleveland O.

DIRECTORS
D. R. PAIGE, GEO. W. STEELE,
S. MOODEY, JAS. L. PARMLY,
HORACE STEELE.

Painesville, Oct 18 1873

Mink

Phil -
Grato

Can we procure from
you 1 or 2 hundred dollars in New
Silver or the Trade dollar so called
and if so please state in what
way we shall go to work to get
them

Respectfully
R. K. Paige & Co

Savings + Loan Assn
R. H. Paige
Fairbault

Ohio
Nov 18. 1873.

Wants 200 Trade
dollars

Recd Nov 20th 1873.

Office of the Saxonville Mills,

J. W. BLAKE, Treasurer, 7½ BEACON STREET,
Near Tremont House,

Boston, Nov. 18th. 1873.

Dear Sir.

I wrote you some time ago, in relation to some "Silver" which I had sent me from a Copper Mine, but fearing the letter was miscaused, I take the liberty of writing you again, any information you can give me, will be gratefully rec^d.

Yours truly,

W. E. Simpson

Mrs.

James P. Block.

We do not know of such a letter. Copper containing Silver, must ~~had~~ be not less than one-fourth silver, to be rec^d at the Mint; & the value of the silver must be not less than \$100. The copper is not allowed for.

W K Simpson
Boston
Mass

In relation to letter
sent to the Mint
about silver ore.

Recd Nov 19. 1873

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

November, 15, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th inst, I enclose herewith a copy of the letter ordering the dies for the Carson Mint for the year 1874.

Will you please inform this Office the reason for the large difference between the number ordered and those sent?

Very respectfully,
H. C. Johannes.
For the Director.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

October 17th 1873.

Hon James Pollock.

Superintendent- U. S. Mint-
Philadelphia.

Sir.

I have to request that you
cause to be prepared for the use
of the Carson City Mint, the follow-
ing coinage dies for the year 1874
Gold.

Double Eagles.	obverse	6
Eagle	"	4
Half Eagle	"	4
Quarter Eagle	"	2
Total		16

Silver

Trade Dollar	obverse	6
Trade Dollar	Reverse	2
Half Dollar	Obverse	6
Quarter Dollars	"	4
Dimes	"	<u>4</u>
Total		22
Aggregate	— — — — —	38

You will please notify
this office when these coins have
been shipped.

(Signed)

Very Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Mr. Johannes)
Nov 15/73

Inquiring the reasons
for the difference
between the No.
dis. added & sent
to the favor
Mint. for 1874

Recd Nov 17/73

S.G.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, Nov. 15th, 1873

Sir:

I have to advise you that
Transfer Orders No. 1799, 1800, and
1801, on you for \$10,000, \$6,000, and
\$3,000, silver coin, have been directed
to be paid by the Asst. Treas. U.S.,
Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully,
D. D. Linn
Asst. Treas. U.S.

James Pollock, Supt.
U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia.
P.S.

Treas. U. S.
(Spinned)
Nov. 15/73

Transfer orders
Nos. 1799, 1800, 1801,
of Nov. 13th, for
\$19,000. Silver Coin
have been directed
to be paid by the
Asst Treas. U. S.,
at Phil^a.

Rec^d Nov. 17/73

Mint of the United States,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, Nov. 15th 1873.

to

Hon James Pollock,

Superintendent.

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Statement of the Coinage for the week ending this day-

Very Respectfully

Yr Obedt Servt

A. London Snowden
Coiner

B.

Coiner
U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia

Transmitting State-
ment of Coinage
for week ending
Nov 15. 1873.

Recd Nov 15. 1873

Mint of the United States,

Sept 12th
TREASURER'S OFFICE,

Philadelphia, May 23. 1873.

Statement of Silver coins, old coinage, now in the
Vaults of the Superintendent of the Mint at
Philad^a

Silver Dollars	\$2,258.00	
Mixed coins	1,281.42	chiefly $\frac{1}{2}$ & $\frac{1}{4}$ dolls.
Dimes (1873.)	365.00	
Difference on S. Dollars	236.56	
Three Cent pieces	2,220.00	
Total	\$6,360.98	

July 31. 1893. Monthly Count.

Gold	108.868.50
Silver	75.646.09
Notes	79.790.28
	1.487.50
Minor Coins	\$ 265.792.37
Coinage Redemption	120.959.60
	\$ 386,751.97
Coins Exchanged	310.21
	\$ 387,062.18

Reconciliation

Gold	108.452.45
Silver	74.669.56
Or/ac regular	24.009.29
or/ac minor coins	6.233.41
Minor Coinage	31.342.66
Minor coins Exchanged	310.21
	21.085.00
Minor Coins Refund	120.959.60
Minor Coinage Redemption	\$ 387,062.18

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

Charleston, S. C., Nov. 14, 1873.

Sir

I am this day in receipt of yours
after 11th inst with two enclosures viz:
Print Memorandum for \$44.78⁰⁰
and CD No 55 of the U.S. Treasury as
Phil^d in favor of John S. Collins Call^r
at Brunswick Ga for \$44.⁷⁸/₁₀₀ Coin
Gold \$44.⁰⁰ Silver ⁷⁸/₁₀₀.

Very respectfully

Yours obdt

J. D. Gooding

Ast Treas U.S.

A. C. Nickol Esq

Actg Supr

Philadelphia

Pa

J. D. Hedding

Assistant Treasurer.

Charleston, S. C.,

Nov 14, 1873.

Relating to

Ack; recd of
G/D for \$44.75
gold coin, for 1/2 of
coll. of Customs at
Brunswick, Geo.

Rec^d Nov 17. 1873

No. of Enclosures

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

November 14, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. giving the report of the Assay of the Samples of Gold from the Boise Assay Office, and to inform you that a copy of your report has been sent to that institution.

Very respectfully,
H. E. Johannes.

For the Director.

Director of the Mint
Nov. 14/73

Act'g rec'd of the
Repat of the 13th
inst of the atsoaps
as samples from
Boite City Ariz
officer. Has
forwarded copy to
that officer.

Recd Nov. 15/73

My
Treasury of the United States,

CASH DIVISION,

Washington Nov 13 1873

Sir

I forward you this day
per Adams Express Two
hundred and Twenty Dollars
(\$220.) in new Silver Coin
for which I will thank
you to send me two
hundred Trade Dollars.

Very Respectfully

D. D. Garrison
Enclosed

Hon Jas Pollock

Superintendent U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Reas. U. S.

Spencer

Nov. 13/73

Forward by
Express \$220. in
Silver Coin; &
want 200 Rad.
Rolling.

~~Nov. 13. 1873~~

~~Spencer~~

~~for~~

~~Spencer~~

~~Spencer~~

Rec^d Nov. 14/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

November 13, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock.
Supt. U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 12th instant, covering a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury enclosing a Certificate of Deposit for \$15.00 on account of Old Materials Sold, and to inform you that the enclosures have been forwarded to their proper destination.

Very respectfully,
H. C. Johannes.
For the Director.

Director of the Mint
November 13th 1873

Acknowledging receipt
of letter to Secretary
of the Treasury, of
the 12th inst, enclosing
b/d for \$15.90 - on
old materials
sold.

Recd Nov 14. 1873

C. L. P.

Treasury of the United States,

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS,

November 13th 1873.

The following transfer orders have this day been issued for transportation of funds to the following offices, in new Silver Coin,

NO.

AMOUNT.

1799 to Treasurer U.S., Washington, D.C. \$ 10 000 -

1800 , Assist. Treas. U.S., Chicago, Ills. 6 000 -

1801 , Depository U.S., Pittsburgh, Pa. 3 000 -

Please send to Washington \$ 7,000 - in halves & \$ 3,000 - in quarters, - and fill the orders for Chicago & Pittsburgh in "assorted denominations". The remaining \$ 10,000 -, as per your letter of the 11th inst., to the Secretary of the Treasury, will be withdrawn when needed -

To the Superintendent of the
U.S. Mint Philadelphia, Pa

D. A. Spinner

Treasurer U. S.

\$ 35,000. proceeds
redeemed minor coins received.
See Book No. 232.

Reas. W. S.

Spencer

N^o. 13/73

Advise of transfer
made Nov. 1799, 1800, &
1801. for \$19,000. in
silver coin.

[Cantio transfer]
Nov. 15/1873.]

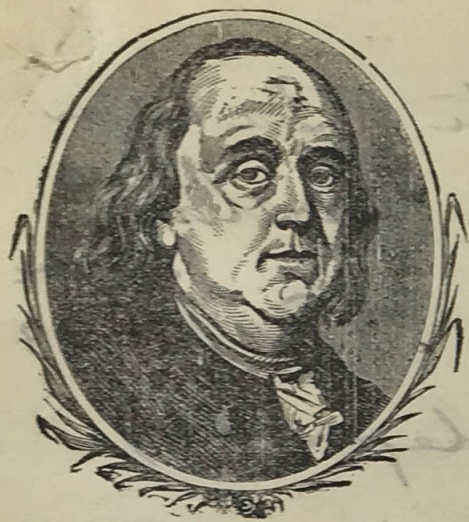
Recd Nov. 14/73

599-896

Opposition Line! Prices Reduced!

Franklin Telegraph Co.

Lines East, West, North & South.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

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JOHN DUFF, President. E. D. L. SWEET, Exec. Manager.

BLANK No. 1.

11-13 1877

By Telegraph from 27 Boston
To Jas Fallock
US Mint

You have allowed us
only seven hundred &
three dollars in halves &
quarters for five hundred
& ninety six ounces of
standard silver. There must

This message has just been received at the office.

NEW YORK
ke
Balt

Foster & Babson
Boston

Mass.
Nov. 13/73

(Telegram)

Complains of
alleged mistake in
returns for \$96 on
Standard Silver, and
subsiding Silver
Coins.

Recd Nov. 13/73.

No. 263 MEMORANDUM OF SILVER BULLION PURCHASED BY THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,
at Philadelphia, the 6th day of Nov 1873 from Geo. C. Thompson

DESCRIPTION OF BULLION	WEIGHT.				Fineness 1000ths	Standard Weight		NET VALUE. @ \$ ¹⁸ / ₁₀₀ per oz. st'd w't.	
	Before Melting		After Melting			Ounces	Dec.	Dollars	Cts.
	Ounces	Dec.	Ounces	Dec.					
U.S. Coin T.C.	60000		59910		896	59644		703	80
								60	
								70320	
Duplicate									
NOTE.—This memorandum is for the information of the Depositor, and of no other value.									

I Certify that the net amount of the above Purchase is Seven hundred & three ²⁰/₁₀₀
Dollars, payable only on presentation of the receipt of a corresponding date and number issued.

JAMES POLLOCK,
Superintendent of the Mint.

In Gold Coin, . . \$
" Silver Coin, . . \$ 703.20
" Gold Bars, . . \$

By

O. C. Jones

Foster & Babson
Boston
Mass
Nov 13/73

Complains of alleged
mistake in returns for
596 ozs standard
Silver, in subsidiary
Silver coins

Ric Nov 13/73

E. D. BANGS & CO.
BANKERS,

No. 88 STATE STREET,

Boston, Nov. 13 1873

James Pollock, Esq.

Supt. of Mint

Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir:

Will you be so kind
as to Explain if it is Customary when
Silver is sent to Mint to be refined
to return American Silver in its place
at the Market Equivalent or at its real
value less Charges in Coining. —
The point in case is - We send you 1200 oz.
foreign silver & you return us instead of
1200 oz. American Silver less your Charges
not much ^{or} 1125 oz. Making a shrinkage
of over 75 oz. on 1200. Heretofore we have
always understood the matter as we first paid.
That we send the silver not to be exchanged
but refined. Light on the Subject will confer a
favor. —
Yrs Truly E. D. Bangs & Co.

E. D. Bangs & Co.
Boston Mass.
Nov. 13 / 73

ask Explanation of
actions for silver coinage,
the mode of doing
about business.

Recd Nov. 15 / 73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

November 13, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supr. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt,
per Adams Express Co., of the Bullion
Accounts of your institution for the
Quarter ended Sept. 30. 1873, and to
inform you that the same have been
transmitted to the First Auditor for
Settlement.

Very respectfully,
H. C. Johannes.
For the - Director.

Director of the Mint
November 13. 1873

Acknowledging receipt
of Bullion Accounts
for Quarter ending
Sept 30. 1873 &c

Recd Nov 14. 1873

E. P. WORSTER,
WM. B. WORSTER,
FRANK H. BABSON.

OFFICE OF
WORSTER BROS. & BABSON,
Bankers and Brokers,

No. 7 STATE STREET,

Boston, Nov 13th 1873

James Pollock Esq
Supt of the Mint - Philadelphia
Sir

on the 4th of
November we shipped to you per Adams
Express 600. oz. of Silver value at \$1.22
per oz to be coined in Am mts & Quarters
less your charges for coinage. We did not
send the Silver there to be purchased by you
at \$1.18 per oz as we could have disposed
of the same here at forty cents advance of
what we received of you. Will you be kind
enough to let us hear from you in
reference to the matter.

And Oblig

Yours Respectfully

Worster & Babson

Worsted & Babson
Boston
Mass.
Nov. 13/73

Complaining of
~~the mode~~
manner in which
Halves, Quarters & Drums
are furnished in
relation for bel-
lion suit.

Recd Nov. 15/73

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Novr 13 1873

Sir

We have not received
the ore you mention.

We only try for gold or
silver; no other metals.

The charge is \$5. prepaid.

Our regular duties being very
great at present, we can only
attend to ores at intervals, and
you will probably have to wait
several weeks.

Yours respy
H C Hickok

Acting Supt

Mr La Rue Barton
Syracuse N. Y.

P.S. One pound, or even less, is
enough to send.

Nov. 16" Syracuse
N. Y.

Mr H. C. Hickok -
Sir - please find
inclosed five dollars
exp. for assaying
specimen of quartz.
Please give me the
return soon as possible
and send by
mail.

Very Respectfully
Edw R. Barton

Enclosing \$5.00 for assay-
ing specimen sent

Edw R. Barton
Syracuse N. Y.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

November 12, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst, enclosing a letter to the Secretary and Certificate of Deposit for \$3,000 on account of "Profits of Minor Coinage," and to inform you that the enclosures have been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

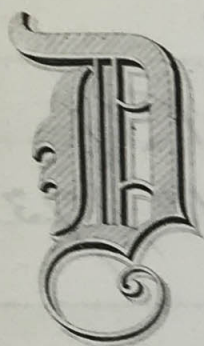
Very respectfully,
H. C. Johannes.
For the Director.

Director of the Mint
Nov 12. 1873

Acknowledging the
receipt of 675 for
\$30000. Profits of
Union Coinage, &c

Recd Nov 13. 1873

Office of



Deutsche Apotheke.

PHARMACIE FRANÇAISE.

PRESCRIPTIONS A SPECIALTY

Utica, N.Y. Nov 12th 1873

W. H. C. Hickok
Acting Supy. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa
Dear Sir

Yours favor
of the 7th inst is at hand & I now write
to ask your pardon for giving you unnecessary
trouble in regard to Trade dollars. The party in
New York purchased them there contrary to my
instructions.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
D. C. Deuel

L. C. Deuel

Utica N.Y.

Nov. 12/73

His Trade Bolls
were bought in
N.Y. contrary to
his order, in-
stead of the Bullion
being sent to the
Mint

Recd Nov. 13/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

November, 12, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia. Pa
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 11th inst., enclosing
Certificate of Deposit for \$1233.33 on
account of Freight. You have been
credited the amt. Very respectfully,
H. G. Johannes.

For the Director.

Director of the Mint
Nov 12, 1872

Acknowledging receipt
of b/d for \$1,233.33
on a/c of L. Wright &c

Recd Nov 13. 1872

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

November, 12, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia. Pa. }

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, informing this Office that the dies for the year 1874, ordered on the 25th of August last for the San Francisco Mint, have been forwarded.

Very respectfully,
W. C. Johannes
For the Director.

Director of the Mint
Nov 12. 1873

Acknowledging
notice that the dies
for 1874. for San-
Francisco had been
forwarded.

Recd Nov 13. 1873

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

November 11, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia. }
Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 10th instant, enclosing
the Official Oath of George Harnstad,
Laborer in your institution.

Very respectfully,
H. C. Johannes.
For the Director.

Director of the Mint
Nov. 11/73

Ack'd rec'd of
Bath of office,
Geo. Hamstead,
Laborer.

Rec'd Nov. 12/73

Syracuse Nov. 11/73

Superintendent U. S. Mint

Dr Sir- The first of
this month I sent you
a specimen of Silver
bearing quartz, wish-
ing you to give me
a true return of the
different kinds of
mineral in its com-

position. I knew
not your charges
for such work and
directed the return
to be sent by express
and charges collected
on delivery or send
me a circular &
charges will be paid
as soon as known.

Please direct
Sag River Station
Dyersburg

Arundel Co.
354 Carbon St.
N. Y.

La Rue Barton
Syracuse
N.Y.
Nov 11th 1873

In relation to
Specimen of ore
sent to the Mint
for examination

Recd Nov 17th 1873

MS.
Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Edg.
November 10, 1873.

Hon James Paddock,
Supt US mint,
Philadelphia Pa

Sir):

The enclosed assay chips from bars 104 and 105 Boise City Assay office, were forwarded by that institution for test assay, reclamations having been made against the two bars.

You will please cause an assay to be made of these chips and report the result in each case to this office at the earliest

earliest date practicable).

Very respectfully,

Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sec'y Reading
(Mint Bureau)
Nov. 10/73

Enclosing for assay
& report, assay chips
from bars 104, 105
Boise City Assay Office

Recd. Nov. 11/73

MS.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

RF
November 10, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia.
Sir:

Remittances to the amount of \$1233.33,
on account of appropriation for "freight on
bullion & coin 1874," are charged against
you on the books of this office.

It having been decided to pay the bills
of the Express Co. direct from the department
in coin, I have to request that you deposit this
sum to the credit of that appropriation, forward-
ing the original Certificate of deposit to the
Secretary of the Treasury, through this office.

Very respectfully,

Wm. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sec'y Treasury
Nov. 10/73
(Mint Bureau)

Directing the deposit
of \$1233.33, bal. of
appin for freight on
Bullion & Coin.
Q. 6/10 to be forwarded
through Director's Office

(Dep. Nov. 11/73)

Rec'd Nov. 11/73

All Official Letters to the Department proper must be addressed to the "Secretary of the Treasury," and in replying to Letters from the Department the initials on the upper left hand corner should be referred to.

RS

Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., November 10, 1873.

Sir:

Please inform me by return of mail how much silver coin of the denominations less than one dollar you have on hand ready for transfer.

Very respectfully
W. A. Sawyer

Asst Secretary

James Pollock Esq
Supt. of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Penn.

Sec'y Treasury
Nov. 10/73

Enquires the
amt of silver
coin less than
the dollar, as
hand for transfer.

Recd Nov. 11/73

Sec'y Treasury
Nov. 10/73

Enquires the
amt of silver
coin left than
the dollar, as
hand for transp.

Recd Nov. 11/73

Mint of the United States, at Philadelphia.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

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STATEMENT showing the amount of Gold and Silver Coin, and the several Denominations thereof, on hand ^{for shipment} ~~at close of business~~ on ^{Tuesday} ~~Saturday~~ the 11 day of Nov. 1873

GOLD COINS.

EAGLES,	\$	
DOUBLE EAGLES,		
HALF EAGLES,		
QUARTER EAGLES,		
THREE DOLLARS,		
ONE DOLLAR,		
SPECIMEN COINS,		
	TOTAL \$	

SILVER COINS.

TRADE DOLLARS,	\$	
HALF DOLLARS,		19.000.00
QUARTER DOLLARS,		9.000.00
DIMES,		1.000.00
PROOF SETS,		
	TOTAL \$	\$29.000.00

STATEMENT showing the total of current MINOR COIN, and the several Denominations thereof, on hand, date above written.

FIVE CENT NICKEL,	\$	
THREE DO.		
ONE CENT BRONZE,		
	TOTAL \$	

I hereby certify that the foregoing Statements ^{are} ~~are~~ correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. H. Cobb Cashier.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT PHILADELPHIA,

Nov. 11 *1873*

STATEMENT of ~~Gold, Silver and Minor~~

Coin, and the Denominations thereof,
Less than one dollar
on hand, at the close of business, on
Thursday, Nov. 11, 1873
Saturday,

SEVENTEEN COINS
 ONE DOLLAR
 THREE DOLLARS
 QUARTER EAGLES
 HALF EAGLES
 DOUBLE EAGLES
 EAGLES

SILVER COINS

TRADE DOLLARS
 HALF DOLLARS
 QUARTER DOLLARS
 DIME
 PENNY

TOTAL

GOLD COINS

IDENTS OFFICE

Swan City Nov. 10th 1873

Supt. U. S. Mint:-

Dear Sir:-

Some time last-
summer I ordered coin from the mint-
& the express paid by the company of
which I am a member was (\$2.00) two dollars
as I have been in Vt. for some time have
not had an opportunity to get the receipt &
forward for the return charges to be refun-
ded. Please send me check to
Lyndon Center Caledonia Co. Vermont.

With-Respect-

A. S. Denison

AGENTS
TO ALL PARTS OF
THE WORLD.

OFFICE OF
WELLS, FARGO AND COMPANY.
(EXPRESS.)

DeMitt Aug 19th
1873

Collected for Messenger
Weehan \$2.00 on
Pkg Coin from Philadelphia
unit which he wishes refunded

Joseph L. [unclear]

A. I. Devison =
Anan City

Nov. 10/73

(Lyndon Center
Caledonia Co. VT)

Wants - refund
of exp. charges
on Anan Codes.

Rec'd Nov. 15/73

MS.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

November 8, 1873.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. enclosing the report of Prof. DuBois, Assayer at your institution, respecting the deposit of Donnell, Sawson & Co, at the Boise Assay Office, redeposited at the New York Assay Office.

Copies of the report have been sent to the New York and Boise Assay Offices.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Nov. 8. 1873

Act'g recd of
Assayr Du Bois'
Report on the disputed
deposit at N. Y. and
Office from assay
Office at Boise
City, for Donnelly,
Lawson & Co

Recd Nov 10/73

Mint of the United States,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, Nov. 8- 1873.

Dear James Pollock,
Superintendent.

Sir; I have the honor to
transmit herewith the weekly
statement of the coinage for
the week ending this date.

Very Respectfully

Yours Obt Servt

A. Leonard Snowden
Coiner.

B.

A. L. Snowden
Coiner Union
Nov 8/73

Statement of Coinage
for the week

Rm Nov 8/73

Pr. Str.

OFFICE OF
Van Wart & McCoy,
43 Chambers Street,

New York Nov 7th 1873.

James Pollock Esq.

Super^t U. S. Court.

Philad.

Dear Sir:

On receiving your advertisement for a supply of Nickel on the 1st Inst, that being the last day in which tenders would be received, we had not time left to communicate wth Mess Evans & Aston, but we assumed they would be able to supply it, and therefore made the application in their behalf - We have however just rec^d a cable message from them saying that their entire make is sold for some months to come. We are therefore compelled to withdraw our application of the 1st Inst.

Hoping we may be fortunate enough to have future opportunities of supplying the orders of the Mint we are,

Yours most respectfully,

Van Wart & McCoy

Van Wart & McCloy
New York
Nov. 7/73

Recalling their
proposals for
Nickel.

Rec'd Nov 8/73

Miss H. A.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

November 7th, 1873.

Sir -

You will please furnish the following statements.

- 1st Amount of Gold and Silver Bullion operated upon monthly, by the Melter and Refiner from the date of last settlement to the close of the Quarter ending Sept 30, 1873. with the loss occurring in the operations of Melting and Refining.
- 2^d Amount of Gold and Silver Bullion operated upon by the Coiner during the same period, showing each delivery of Bullion

Hon James Pollock

Superintendent U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Bullion, and the loss in Rolling.
Cutting, Annealing, Cleaning and Adjusting.
A report showing the operations in
the Melter and Refiners' and Coiners
Departments will hereafter be rendered
monthly to this office

I am Sir, very respectfully
Wm. A. R. S. S. S. S.
Director.

Directors of the
Mint

Nov. 7/73

Requests Statements of

1. Amt of G. & S. Bul-
lion operated on monthly
by M. & R. from date of
last settlement, until
the close of 2^d ending
Sept 30. 1873, with the
loss in M. & R.

2. Amt of Gold &
Silver operated on by
the Libbers, during the
same period.

Rec. Nov. 8/73

M. D. J.
M. D. J.

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Nov. 7th, 1873.

Sir:

In order to complete the records of this Office, you will please furnish a Quarterly Statement of the Earnings and Expenditures of your Institution from the Commencement of the present fiscal Year.

These Statements will be continued hereafter, and transmitted to this Office at the close of each Quarter.

Very respectfully

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U.S.

A. B. S. S. S.
Director

Philadelphia

Directors of the Church
Nov. 7/73

Requests Statement of
earnings, & Expenditures
for Quarter ending
Sept 30. 1873;
And any quarter
hereafter.

- Recd Nov 10/73

W.S.

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

November 6, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

My verbal approval to the appointment of Miss A H Nicholes, as Adjuster in the former's Dept of your mint, at a compensation of \$1.75 per diem, (new office) to take effect from the 4th instant, is hereby made official.

Very respectfully,
H Linderman
Director.

Directa of the Mint
Nov. 6/73

Approving appt
of Messrs A. H. Nicholes, as
an Adjuster, at \$1.75
per diem, from 4 Nov. 73
(new)

Recd Nov. 7/73

M.D.
H.C.

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Nov. 6th, 1873.

Sir

Please furnish this Office with a Statement, (in accordance with the enclosed form) showing the Gold and Silver Coins reserved for the Annual Assay from the deliveries made by the Corner of the Mint.

Also Statements of Assay Coins received from the Mints at San Francisco and Carson from January to October 31st inclusive.

These statements will hereafter be rendered monthly to this office.

Very respectfully
H. Linderman

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U.S.

Director

Philadelphia

Director of the Mint
Nov. 6. 1873

Wants Statement
as per form enclosed
of the Assay Coins at
the Mint, from
Jan'y 1/73 to Oct/73
inclusive

Requires monthly
Statements of the same
hereafter

Recd Nov 7/73

Easton Nov 6/73

Dr Sir inclosed find a slip of
paper and pack sumely of what
I have got if they will ad to your
collection in the Mint & as of use to
you I will sell them to the mint
befor offering them to other parties
say what you will give for them
~~or~~ what they ^{are} worth
^{soon}
anser as convenient and oflige

Most Respectfully

Yours

B M Youells

Easton

To the President of the Mint

B. M. Youells
Babtown
Pa
Nov 6. 73

Specimens for the
mint.

Recd Nov 8. 73

MS.
Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

November 6, 1873.

Now James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

My verbal approval to the appointment of George Harmstead, as Laborer in General Department, at a compensation of \$3⁰⁰ per diem, (new office) to date from the 10th instant, is hereby made official.

Very respectfully,
W. Linderman
Director.

Directa of the Mind
Nov. 6/73

Approving the
appt of George
Harnstead as
^(in general department)
Laborer at \$3.
per diem from
Nov. 10. 1873.
(new office)

Rec^d Nov. 7/73

Stillwater Nov 5th 1893
James Fallock Esq
Philadelphia Pa

Dear Sir:

Your favor of Oct 31st
is at hand and contents noted, in
regard of the assay of Lot #1
Which was taken from drift-Rock,
but Lot #2. Was taken from a
solid ledge, and as you will recollect
some 9 months ago. I send you, a rich
specimen of Siliceous bearing Rock,
and which was taken in the vicinity
of the same place, and in Lot #2 is
a Rock which ^{on} one side (one end
half of it,) the same as the specimen
sent you, I would like for your Assayer
to do the work, and Report all the
Material that the Rock is composed of
If possible, fer. I think there must
be some Copper in it also, but If
you folks can not do it, please turn it over
to some good Private assayer. Yours truly
Louis E. Thomas

L & Jovinus
Stillwater

Nov 5. 1873 ^{Miner}

Assay of specimens
of ore

Recd Nov 8. 1873

Copy

No.

Hon Jas Pollock

UNITED STATES MINT,

Oct 30th

18*73*

~~To Dr. H. R. LINDERMAN,~~

Director.

The undersigned requests the approval of the Director to procure the following supplies for his department of the Mint:

From whom,

Name of Article,

Quantity required,

Value estimated,

Special object or reason of Requisition, and Remarks.

Bars of Cast Steel for Coining Dies

			Inches
<i>12</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Bars</i>	<i>2 - best octagon case</i>
<i>25</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>1 - 7/8</i>
<i>25</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1 - 3/4</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1 - 5/8</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1 - 1/2</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1 - 3/8</i>

Will require this steel by the end of Nov. (if possible)

Wm Barber
Engraver.

APPROVED,

J. A. Pollock

Director.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Nov^r 5th 1873

Hon James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint.

Sir,

In sending my requisition for steel for this Department, to be used for coining dies I beg leave to suggest that we have it from Mess^{rs} Jessup of Sheffield England, for the following reasons, We have been using their manufacture now for the last thirteen years with perfect satisfaction, during which period we have made repeated trials of steel of home manufacture, always with more or less disappointment and failure. Therefore as we might suffer serious inconvenience, in the production of dies by having an imperfect material, without a reliable one to fall back upon, I respectfully recommend, that for the present we repeat the order, to Mess^{rs} Jessup, on a reduced amount, meanwhile our home manufactures may have so far succeeded in producing the qualities we require, as to induce you

Wm Barber, Esq
Engraver.
Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Nov. 5. 1873

No. of Papers, 2

Subject, *Applis for*
requisition for steel
for dies, from
Sheffield, England

encs. file

(Requisition sent to)

Rec Nov. 5/73

WM. BALDWIN.

PHILADELPHIA STEEL WORKS.

M. F. LIVEZEY.

FRANKFORD, TWENTY-THIRD WARD,

Philadelphia, Jan 3 1870

Mint of U.S.

BOUGHT OF **BALDWIN & LIVEZEY,**

MANUFACTURERS OF

Order # 125

EXTRA QUALITY DOUBLE-REFINED CAST STEEL.

Shipped by

Best Cast Steel, Double and Single Shear Steel, German and Blister Steel.

All Goods at Buyer's Risk after Shipment.

STEEL FORGINGS MADE TO ORDER.

BARS.

15 1 1/2" oct
3 3/8" "
3 1/4" "

\$29 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀

40

331 60

Treasury Department,
First Comptroller's Office,
November 5. 1873.

Sir:

I have to-day authorized a coin draft for \$2809⁰²/₁₀₀ to be drawn upon the fund appropriated for the payment of freight on bullion, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, 1874. in favor of the Adams Express Company, per their bill of \$4,977⁵⁸/₁₀₀ for transporting bullion and coin to and from the assay Office at New York during the month of October, 1873.

The above draft will exhaust the fund.

Very Respectfully,

R. W. Hughes

Comptroller.

Hon. James Pollock,

Superintendent of the Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

R. W. Taylor, &
1st Comptroller of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Has authorized cash
draft for Adams Express
Co. for \$2,809 ⁰⁴/₁₀₀
which exhausts the
appropriation.

Rec^d Nov. 5/73

HALF RATE MESSAGES.

The Western Union Telegraph Company require that all messages received for transmission shall be written on the blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following **HALF RATE MESSAGE.**

GEO. H. MUMFORD, Secy.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't.

Chicago Nov 5 187

Received at

To

Subtl Mint

When can we get returns
for shipment of bars
made Oct twenty fifth

L. Gage
Cashier

14 Old State

No 251 - Silver

L. G. Gage
Chicago
Ill

When note is
set returned

from bar
shipped Oct
25th

Rec Nov 6/73

Mint of the U. S.
(Copy) (Coiners Department)
Phila Nov 4th 1873.
Hon Jas Pollock
Suppt.

Sir

In conformity with the provisions of the Coinage Act of 1873. I have the honor to recommend the appointment of Miss A. H. Nicholes, as an Adjuster in this Department, at \$1.75 per diem; to take effect upon approval.

Very Respectly
(Signed) A. Landon Snowden
Coiner

Hon. H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint &c. (Nov 4th 1873)

I nominate Miss A. H. Nicholes, above named, for the position indicated.

Approved

(Signed) Jas. Pollock

(Signed) H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Suppt.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Nov 4 1873

No. of Papers,

Subject, Nomination of
Miss A. H. Nichols
as adjute

Plat.
Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

November 3 1873.

Hon James Fallock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia

Sir:

I enclose herewith letters from Assayer Watters, and C.W. Moore, of Boise city, respecting a difference in the fineness and weight of certain bars made at the Boise assay office and redeposited at the assay office New York. I also enclose the balance of assay slips of bar # 49, and have to request that a test assay be made by your Assayer and the result reported to me.

Please return papers in the
case to this office.

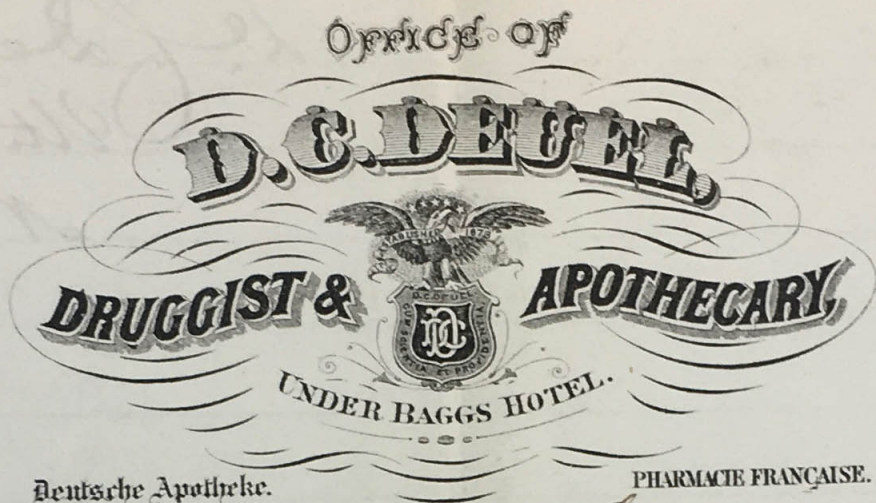
Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Nov. 3. 1873

Enclosing sample
of bar from the Brito
City Assay office, for
special test assay,
(with accompanying
correspondence.)

Rec Nov. 4/73

D



Utica, N.Y. Nov 3^d 1873

U.S. Mint

Phila Pa

I have sent
by Express from New York. One hundred
Dollars. in Silver bars. to be made into
Trade Dollars. Will you be kind enough
to send them to me here. by Express
& please let me know if there is anything
further for me to do in order to get them

Very Respectfully
Yr Obedt Servt
L. C. Deure

H. F. Deuel
Utica, N. Y.
Nov. 3/73

Has forwarded 100
Rolls in Silver Bars
from New York, by
Express, for Kate
Deuel.

Recd Nov. 5/73

W. J. Hutchins, President.

T. L. Blanton, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL EXCHANGE BANK OF HOUSTON.

Houston, Texas. Nov 2nd 1872

Hon James Ballack,
Supt U. S. Mint
Phila

Sir

On the \$20. package of
small coins forwarded us
as per your advice of Sep. 15
we have paid express
charges amounting to \$2.10

As we understand from
Circular of Apr 16/72 that
these coins are forwarded
"free of expense" to applicant
we beg to enclose receipt
for charges paid by us.
Very respectfully

R. L. Blanton Co
Houston
Texas

Asking a refund
of \$2¹⁰ Express age
pd on a \$20. pkg
of Miner Coins.

Rec'd Nov. 13/73

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

THOS. T. ECKERT, Gen'l Sup't,
NEW YORK.

32 WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't,
GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y. } NEW YORK.

Dated

Washington Dec Nov 3 187 3

Received at S. E. cor. 3d and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia.

To

James Pallock

Supt U.S. Mint
Phila

The value of five
bars will be computed
at the rate of
one hundred and eighteen
The weight and fineness
only may be stamped
if the depositors so
prefer

H R Linderman
Director

40 collect foot rate

"Telegram
From Director

Five bars to be computed
at \$1.18 per Standard g.
Weight of fineness only to be
Standard of deposits with
it.

Nov 3rd / 73 Recd & filed.

M.A.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

November 1, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the Official Bond of Henry Slaymaker Cochran, as Weigh Clerk, in your institution, has been approved by the Director and the Secretary of the Treasury, and transmitted to the First Comptroller of the Treasury for file in that office.

Very respectfully,
W. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Court
Nov. 1. 1873

Ack'g rec't of
official Bond
of Henry S. Lockman
Weigh Clerk.

Rec'd Nov. 3 / 73

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Treasury of the United States,

CASH DIVISION,

Washington Nov. 1 1873

Sir I send you this day by Adams Express
silver, foreign and defaced, amounting
to some \$9³⁶. the value of which
I will thank you to ascertain, and
place same to credit of my Transfer
Account with the Assistant Treasurer
at Philadelphia.

I would not trouble you with
so small a matter, but that this silver
is a part of the assets of a failed
National Bank, and I desire to
give credit for the exact value.

Very Respectfully

Hon Geo Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint Philadelphia Pa

D. D. Leggett
Creas to

Treasurer U.S.

(Spencer)

Nov. 1/73

Sends \$9³⁶ assented
coins, the real value
to be deposited to
his Cr. with the
Asst Treas. U.S.
at Phil^a

(Deposited 11/73)

Rec'd Nov. 1. /73

Mint of the United States,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, Nov. 1st 1873.

Wm
James Pollock
Superintendent.

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit herewith statement for the carriage for the week ending this day-

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servant

A. London Snowden

Clerk

B.

A. L. Snowden
Comr

Nov 1, 1873

Statement of Coinage
for the week

Rm Nov 1, 1873

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

November 1, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have received your statement of coinage for the month of October, and desire to express my appreciation of the manner in which you have met the extraordinary demand made upon the mint; your gold coinage having not only been equal to the importations from England, but embracing the gold bars in the sub-treasury at New York when this rate of coinage was commenced.

It

It was very important, in view of possible contingencies, that this work should be promptly met, and I am very glad that you accomplished it. This large increase to the stock of gold coins in the treasury will enable you to proceed under the plan agreed upon at our last conference.

Very respectfully,

A. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Nov. 1. 1873

Expressing his
great gratification
with the Coinage
operating in
October.

Recd Nov. 1/73

W.B.
Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

November 1, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa

Sir:

The following telegram sent
you on the 31st ultimo, is hereby
made official:

"The purchasing rate for silver
"bullion payable in subsidiary
"silver coin is hereby reduced
"from one hundred and twenty
"to one hundred and eighteen
"cents per standard ounce, to
"take effect to morrow."

Very respectfully,
W. B. Eusterman
Director.

Director of the Mint
Nov. 1/73

The purchasing
price of silver
bullion by the Mint
fixed at 118 cts per
standard oz. from
Nov. 1, 1873.

[Confirming
telegram of Oct 31/73]

Rec'd Nov 4/73

November the 30 1873
James Pollock, Sir Sir after
I received your two policies
Payable in three days
I sent you forty one
Pound of gold dust by
John F. Weston Lynn
and paid two dollars
in fifty stamps directed
Mint of the United States
It was hold up at 320
Wall nut St; and sent
Back to Swampscot for me
To pay 35 cts with a wood
lot pay I had one other
Letter from you about
My 11 pound of garlaquat
and one from John Allison
from Washington

I could not get nower one to
Assist me and to give them
To be's nights on unceion st
Lynn to keep them for me
And wait until tha n have
Sent to Washington to know
If a could have my pay
If tha dont pay me I
Want you to remove my
Pollises and and send them
To me once more; and I
Have ben to the post office
To know much tha would
Charge to take a pound of
My dust by united mail
And tha sed 72 cents; if
you think that I can send
Some in that way I would
Like to have you to send
Me a line through the
Post office

And to send me the best
kind to send to you for
The mint and send me
The name of the street
The mint is in; and at
This time I will send you
The kinds of gold rocks and
Just that I have on hand
I have

Mica
Sand and frisco
Red gold and black stone
Slate gold
Green gold that
Covers between the blue
Clay and granite stone
Green cherty rocks and
Four or five other kinds
I need this soon

Solomon Abbott
Champer
Mass

Solomon Abbott

Swampscot, Mass.

Nov 30th 1873

Nov 73

EASTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

Rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blanks
company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of
owing message.

THOS. T. ECKERT, Gen'l Sup't,
NEW YORK.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, } NEW YORK.
GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y, }

Dated Washington Nov 28 1873

Received at. S. E. cor. 3d and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia.

To James Pollock

Supt U. S. Mint Phila
Pa

Can you mail today
the list of Employees
Called for in Letter of
the nineteenth inst answer

of a favorer
Asst Secy of
the Treasury

33 Collect
govt rate

Asst Secy Rec
(Shaw)

Mar 28/73

Wants list of
Employees today.

Rec'd W. 28/73

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1873 / NOVEMBER

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1873/DECEMBER

OFFICE OF

U. S. Assistant Treasurer,

New York, Nov. 29, 1873.

Sir:

Upon the 19th inst we forwarded you notes to the amount of \$5,500. for exchange into Subsidiary Coin.

We are in somewhat pressing need of small coin, and I therefore beg to be informed at what time we may expect a return from you?

Very respectfully

Wm. Patterson

Per Asst. Treas.

Hon. Director of the Mint
Philad^a Pa.

Office of U. S. Assistant Treasurer,
NEW YORK,

Nov. 29. 1873.

C. St. Patterson
Deputy Ass't Treasurer.

*Enquires when their
order of Nov 19. for
\$5,500. in minor
Coins can be filled.*

No. of Enclosures —

Recd Dec 1/73

W.S.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

MS
December 1, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, covering a list of the Officers, Clerks and employes of your institution with their salaries, &c., and to inform you that the same has been referred to the Register of the Treasury.

Upon comparing the list furnished with the books of this office, the following discrepancies were found to exist, viz:

1. Annie Carroll. Scrubber @ \$25 per diem, not on the Register of this Office.
2. The following, appear upon our

Register, but not on the list sent, viz:

J. R. Taylor --- Refiner ^{Left July 30/73} --- M & R. Dept. --- @ \$3.50 per diem.
 W. Williams --- Melter --- do --- @ \$3.75 ^{did 8th and 1/2} do.
 J. Flastto --- Cleaner ^{Res. Nov 1/73} --- Coiners Dept. --- @ \$3.00 do.

3. The Compensation of the following is more than our books show to have been allowed, viz:

T. B. Cave --- Melter ^{M & R. Dept.} --- @ \$2.90 per diem. On your list \$3.25.
 J. J. Beckman --- ^{Sept 1/73} @ \$3.25 " " " " \$3.75.
 J. W. Helfrich --- Helper @ \$3.60 " " " " \$3.75.
 Albert Singer --- Saborr. @ \$2.50 " " " " \$2.75.
 Hugo Schauer --- Helper @ \$2.90 " " " " \$3.50.
 A. M. Ewen --- " @ \$2.90 " " " " \$3.25.
 D. T. Smith --- " @ \$2.90 " " " " \$3.25.
 A. Rowley --- Roller ^{Coiners Dept.} @ \$2.90 " " " " \$3.00.
 Wm. J. Gauss --- Gasfitter @ \$2.75 " " " " \$3.25.

You will please submit nominations for the appointment and increase of compensation herein mentioned, and also inform this office whether the

Persons named under No. 2, are still
in your employ, and if not, the date
of their resignation or discharge.

You will hereafter, please notify
this office of all changes and
transfers in the employes of your Mint.

Very respectfully,

Wm. T. Richardson
Secretary of the Treasury.

Secretary of the Treas.
~~for Dep. of the Treas.~~
Wm Richardson

Dec 1st 1873

Asking explanation
of difference in the
report of officers, clerks
and employees of Mint
of compensation of
various employees. be-
tween report sent and
books of the Director
of the Mint. &c.

Recd Dec 2. 1873.

Int
United States Assay Office, *th*
New York, Nov^r 29 1873.

Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish this Office with $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars as promptly and rapidly as practicable, as we are under instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer Two hundred thousand Dollars (at the earliest possible period) to the Asst. Treasurer at N.Y.

Very respectfully

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. U.S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.

Geo. C. Acton

Superintendent.

N.Y. Army Office
(Acting)
Nov. 29/73

Wants Haly Dows
as rapidly as possible
to meet requisition
from Secy Treasry
for \$200,000. and
Haly Dows

Recd Dec 1/73

+ J. B. Cave	✓	was raised from	\$ 2.90	to	\$ 3.25.	June 30/73
+ J. J. Beckman	✓	"	"	3.25	to	3.75 August/73
J. H. Helfrich	✓	"	"	3.60	to	3.75 May/73
Albert Singer		"	"	2.50	to	2.75 Sept/73
H. Schauer	✓	"	"	2.90	to	3.50 May/73
H. McEwen	✓	"	"	2.90	to	3.25 Sept/73
+ D. J. Smith	✓	"	"	2.90	to	3.25 Sept/73
A. Rowley	x	"	"	2.90	to	3.00 Nov. 173
Mr S. Gauss	✓	"	"	2.75	to	3.25 March

Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA.

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

3 December 1873

Hon. James Pollock

Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Phila.

Dear Sir,

In reply to the letter of the
Treasury Dept ^{of 1st Inst.} on Wages, I beg to say
that Mr J. R. Taylor left the Mint, having
received an appointment on the City Police,
& that Mr W. Williams is deceased;
that Mr Beckman, the most experienced
base coinage melter was raised to the fore-
manship on W. Williams' decease; that
H. Schauer on acct. of his superiority was
raised to be a hand in the Melting of Deposits
where on acct. of skill, care & integrity the
wages are put at \$3.50 pr. day; - that
T. B. Cave, A. McEwen and D. T. Smith
were raised from the grade of helpers
in the base coinage department, to that

of matters in the Depart. for melting
gold & silver. I may remark that
the enormous amount & flashing demand
for Gold & silver coin rendered the
above changes extremely necessary,
and that probably your unexpected
absence in the West has prevented
your having communicated with the
Government.

I may further remark that as far
as my Dept^t of the Mint at Phil^a is
affected by the unprecedented demand
for silver coin, I can accomplish far
more than I have done by a few more
hands, if the Gov^t needs or desires it.
I admit that in the Gold & silver melting
my men are rather overworked because
I did not wish to increase my force, for
a short run of heavy business. But if the
business is to continue, of course more men
may be required.

Respectfully yours
J. H. Booth

Cincinnati Oct 1st 1873.

To the Superintendent of the ^{U. S.} Mint at
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir

We send you two small
lots of ore, One from the French Lode in
Merris Mining District And the other
from the Golden belt Lode in Downsville
Mining District, in Clear Creek County
Colorado Territory, for the purpose of
having them assayed.

Please have the one marked
"from the French Lode" assayed for Gold
Silver and Quick Silver - And the
marked "from the Golden belt Lode" assayed
for Gold and Silver. And send us the
result

We are the owners of said
two mines, And are anxious to have
the ores assayed at the Mint, as we
are now opening them.

Please send the report of
your assayer to

Lindemann & Stone
No 375 Main Street
Cincinnati
Ohio

Sinderman + Stone
Cincinnati
Ohio

Dear Harry 1/74

One for assay

Rec^d Dec 4th 1874

Suffolk National Bank

December 1st 1873

Hon. James Pollock
Director of the Mint at Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Inclosed please find \$900 in double
eagles for which please send me
\$400 in \$10 Gold pieces of the issue 1873
\$400 in \$5 do do do do
\$100 in \$2 1/2 do do do do

I want them for a very dear friend
of mine for Christmas Gifts he would
like to have them bear the same date as
the year they are given, I would not
trouble you if I could find them here
but as there is so little Gold in circulation
it is almost impossible to do so I thought
as you had the consent of the Secretary
of the Treasury last year you would
be willing to accommodate me again

Thanking you kindly for
past favors

I remain very truly yrs,
Harrison G. Hunt
Paying Teller

P.S. I should be very happy to pay
you for any trouble or loss you may
be at in making the exchange and
would like to have you deduct it
from the amount to be returned
& Obey's Son
H. G. Hunt

Harri, and Hunt
Boston
Mass.
Dec. 1/73

Forwards \$900. in
Henth Eagle to be
Exchanged for Eagle,
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Eagle & $\frac{1}{4}$ Eagle.

[Express acct for
Return Coin sur-
-charge]

Rec Dec 3/73

ORIGINAL.

No. —

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA.

Received, Dec. 5 1878

of the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia,

Nine Hundred Dollars,

in Gold Coins, for transportation and delivery to H. G. Haven,
of ~~United States Assay Office, New York City.~~ Boston Mass

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

\$900.⁰⁰/₁₀₀

Geo Thompson
Supr Mint Dept

Dec., 9th 73

Syracuse Union Co., N.Y.

Dear Sir, Some time since I
sent you a specimen of ore
to have assayed. Wishing to
return soon to Colorado, and
being anxious to know what
the ore will pay for, before
returning home, is the cause of
my again troubling you.

Please let me know when
I can reasonably expect a return
from ore sent you by Express.

If you have not need said
ore, let me know, and I will
be pleased to send you another
sample.

Very Respectfully

Edw Geo Barton

La Rue Barton

Syracuse

N.Y.

Dec 9/73

Inquiries about
Mammal Specimen
Sent for assay.

- | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|
| 2. Is the applicant well formed, and does her weight, height and general appearance indicate a healthy constitution? | A. | B. | C. |
| 3. A. Are the functions of the uterine system in a normal condition?
B. Has the applicant had prolapsus uteri, or any other displacement or disease of the uterus, disease of the ovaries, or any disease of the genito-urinary organs?
C. How long since such disease, and since her recovery? | | | |
| 4. If married, and pregnancy has existed, has the applicant miscarried? If so, how often, and under what circumstances? Has she had a natural delivery since? | | | |
| 5. If parturition has occurred, has labor been easy and natural, or difficult and dangerous from any cause? | | | |
| 6. A. How many children has applicant had?
B. What is the date of last confinement?
C. Is applicant now pregnant? | | | |
| 7. Are you acquainted with any facts or circumstances affecting the health or constitution of the applicant, not included in the above questions? If so, state them. | | | |
| 8. Do you consider the applicant safely insurable, and do you recommend that a Policy be granted? | | | |

Dated at } Signed. }
day of 187 . }
Additional Remarks.

Recd Dec 11/73

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, December 3rd 1873.

To the
Superintendent.

Sir;

In reply to the interrogatories of the Secretary of the Treasury, contained in his letter of 1st inst., so far as this Department is concerned, I would say that J. S. Castle, Cleaner, resigned through your office without any official notification being sent to this Department, to take effect November 1st 1873.

J. W. Helfrich, designated as Helper, is a Machinist employed in the Coining Room - His per diem was raised from \$3⁶⁰ to \$3⁷⁵ by your order.

A. Rowley was transferred from the Cutting Benches to the Annealing Furnace to take the place of S. P. Thompson, whose ill health prevented him from remaining in front of the fires. Rowley taking Thompson's per diem of \$3⁰⁰ and Thompson taking Rowley's, which was as a Cutter \$2⁹⁰.

I have the honor to remain

Very Respy, Yr Obedt Servt

London Warrdour Coiner.

WILLIAM W. ALTER.

Harleigh

Lehigh

Sts;

ALSO, LORBERY AND LOCUST MOUNTAIN.

DEPOT. 957 NORTH NINTH STREET, BELOW GIRARD AVENUE.

OFFICE, Corner Sixth and Spring Garden.

Philadelphia,

Dec 9 1873

Or Gov. Pollock

Supt U. S. Mints

My Dear Sir

Yours

dated Dec 8th was received
and contents noted, and
in return I am sorry there
should be any cause of
complaint, but as I
understand it now, I believe
the coal we are sending
this month is all satisfactory
and shall continue so.

Respectfully Yours
W. W. Alter

W W Alter

Dec 9. 1873.

In relation to
coal supplied to
the Mint

Recd Dec 10. 1873

Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA.

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

9th Dec. 1873

Hon. James Pollock.

Suptdt. U. S. M. at Phil^a.

Dear Sir,

In response to the letter of the Director of S. Inst. in relation to prices of supplies for the Mint, that there is no reduction in them altho' prices have generally declined, ~~it~~ beg to say, that in my own department of the Mint, we have endeavored to purchase at the lowest rates consistent with the quality required, heretofore & now, — that upon reviewing prices of our larger articles, I find that they have always been moderate, i.e. at rather low market rates, — that the prices of smaller articles have varied more, but, I believe, were always low or at least moderate, — that as far as I can I will

endeavor to diminish cost, as I have always
done, but that I doubt much whether
there can be much, if any, reduction in
the prices in my department, without great
danger to quality of goods.

Of course I am only speaking of those
things which I am instrumental in pur-
chasing, such as chemicals, acids, alkalis,
spelter, charcoal, fire-mitts, buckskin
gloves, crucibles, fire-brick, &c.

of other articles used in other departments of
the Mint, I know nothing, but I doubt not
that all will be desirous of lessening the
cost of the Mint at Phil^a.

Very truly yours
J. C. Booth
M & R.

Milton & Refiner

Dec 9, 1872

In relation to purchase of supplies for the Mint &c,

Mint of the United States,

COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, Dec. 8th 1873.

Dear
James Pollock,
Superintendent.

Sir;

We have been troubled a great deal for the past month with an inferior article of Coal. The Engines have frequently been compelled to stop from an insufficient supply of Steam - thus delaying the operations of this Department.

This morning the large engine was idle for at least twenty minutes, and the small engine that drives the Cutting Presses & Draw Benches, has not been able to do its work satisfactorily at all.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servant

Wm. L. Snowden
Clerk

A. Souda Snowden
Comer
Dec 8. 1873

Complains of
the quality of
the coal fur-
nished to the
Mint.

Rec'd Dec 8/73

Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

8 Dec. 1873

Hon. James Pollock
Suptdt. U.S.M. at Phila

Dear Sir

Please deliver to
Mr Beckman foreman of the
Cent Melting about \$10,000, worth
of the one cent nickel coin to
make 5ct. metal. I oblige

yours truly

J. C. Booth

3147,833.
500 bags
\$10,000.00

Mr. E. H. Loring has the usual
order on the Cashier for the delivery of
the above & send it to me for my sign-
ature.

Dec 8/73

J. P. Lipp

J. C. Booth M.A.R.
Dec 8. 1873

Requisition for \$10,000,
in 1 of nickel coin & note
& of nickels.

Rec'd Dec 8/73

Treasury Department,

First Comptroller's Office,

December 8th 1873.

Sir:

Your account for ordinary expenses of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia for the quarter ending September 30th 1873 has been adjusted at the Treasury per Report No 190526; and there is found due the United States a balance of \$39,932.00

Balance due U. States per your statement	<u>8,773.66</u>
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Difference to your debit	<u><u>\$ 31,158.34</u></u>
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Which is explained thus:

Warrant on the Treasurer No 1725, dated September 29th 1873, not credited in your account \$31,158.34

Please substitute this statement for the one on the same subject dated 5th inst. to which yours of the 6th refers.

Very Respectfully,

Wm. B. Ewing
Comptroller.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

R. W. Tayles
1st Comptroller &
the Receiver
Weyling & Co
Dec 8/73

Acpts of for adding
Expenditures for Quarters
ending Sept 30/73 has
been adjusted.

Recd Dec 9/73

Congressional Globe Office
Washington, D.C., Dec. 8, 1893.

Mr. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir, The publication of the
Globe is discontinued for the present, we hope it will
be resumed soon however. Meanwhile the debates
are being printed at the Government Office.

Very Respectfully

Rivers & Bailey

Eliza

Rivas & Bailey
Wash DC
Dec 8/73

"Daily Globe" im-
pounded for the
present. Hope to
recover it soon

Resd Dec 9/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Dec. 8th, 1872

Sir

An examination of your vouchers for supplies paid for during October and November shows but little if any reduction in price, notwithstanding the almost general decline in the market rates during the last two months.

Your attention is invited to the subject, to the end that all supplies for the Mint be obtained at not above market rates.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman

Director

Hon. James Talbot
Supt Mint U.S.
Philadelphia

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Dec 8/73

Reports show little
reduction in the prices
of supplies purchased
in October & November.

Requests attention
to the subject.

Recd Dec 9/73

Cincinnati Dec 7th 1873.

James Pollock Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint, Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We received yours of the 4th
inst yesterday and in reply say that we want
the assay from the Mint and are very thankful
that you have so kindly consented to make an
exception in our case and grant our wishes.

We will wait your convenience, and
hope we hear from you in January.

Please find inclosed \$100 & pay charges
for the two assays.

Very Respectfully
George Lindemann
R. H. Stone

No 375 Main Street

Cincinnati
Ohio

MS
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December 6, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

The Regulations for the trans-
action of business at the Mints
and Assay Offices being now un-
der revision preparatory to being
printed, I have to request that
you will prepare and submit
without delay, a Medal and
specimen coin circular, to
take the place of the one issued
by you some time since and pend-
ing the consideration of the Medal
Regulations. Very respectfully,
H. B. Linderman
Director

Rec'd Dec 8. 1873.

Director of the Mint.
(Lindemann)
Asking preparation of
a Medal & Specimen
Coin Circular.

Rec'd Dec. 8. 1873.

Treasury Department,
First Comptroller's Office,
December 5th, 1873.

Sir:

Your account for the ordinary expenses
of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia
from July 1st to September 30th 1873 has been
adjusted at the Treasury, per Report N. 190526; and
there is found due the United States a balance of \$39,933.00
Balance due the United States per your statement \$8,773.66

Difference to your debit \$31,159.34

Which is thus explained:

Warrant on the Treasurer of the United
States, No 1725, dated September 29, 1873 not credited in \$31,159.34

Very Respectfully,

R. W. Taylor
Comptroller.

Warrant was
of \$31,158.34
not received
Oct 1st 1873. L.P.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

First Comptroller
(Treasury Department)

Dec 5. 1873

Account of ordinary
Expenses of the Unit
from July 1. to Sept
20. 1873. has been
adjusted &c.

Recd Dec 6. 1873

M.D.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December, 5, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have this day sent you by
express one box containing samples
of ore, received at this Office from
a gentleman residing in Missouri.

You
will please cause an examination
to be made thereof, and report the
result to this Office.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Directs of the allnd
(Lindeman)
Dec 5/73

Forward, by Express,
Sample of ore from
Missouri, & request
Examination & report.

Rec'd Dec 6/73

Custom House, Rochester, N. Y.,

Collector's Office, Dec 3rd, 187³

Sir

In answer to yours of the 1st inst.
I have the honor to acknowledge
receipts in triplicate, from the Asst
Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia for
\$271⁶⁷/₁₀₀ (Two hundred & seventy one ⁶⁷/₁₀₀ dollars)
Coin; with amount of \$275 Gold coin
forwarded to the United States Mint ^{Phila^a}
Nov 19th 1873, for recdimage.

Very respectfully
R. D. Gantner
Dep. Collector

To
H. O. Hickok Esq
Acting Sup^t U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Custom House, Collector's Office,
ROCHESTER, N. Y.,

December 2, 1873

B. K. Barton

Sup. Collector.

Acknowledging receipt
of Ass't Treas U.S.
Phila. for \$271⁶⁷ net
proceeds of coin sent
to Mint for recoin-
age.

No. of Enclosures,

Rec'd Dec 5 1873

N. S. D.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Dec. 27, 1873.

Sir:

Your attention is called to the following differences in the amount of coin on hand at the close of business on the 29th ult. as shown by your statements:

Daily statement of deliveries.

Balance on hand	Gold	\$ 1,289,901.82
	Silver	56,228.99

Cashier's weekly statement

Amount on hand	Gold	\$ 1,288,875.50	OK
	Silver	61,500.	OK

Monthly Count and Examination

Amount on hand	Gold	\$ 1,289,687.93
	Silver	62,546.45

Very Respectfully

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint U. S.

Philadelphia, Pa.

W. A. Richardson,
Secretary of the Treasury

Secretary of the Treasury
(Richardson)

Dec 1. 1873

Asks information
about differences
in Statements sent
and Nov 29. 1873

Recd Dec 2. 1873

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Dec. 9th, 1872.

Sir

In reply to Yours of Yesterday relative to statements of operations in the Melter and Refiner's and Coiner's Department, I have to say that the Coiner's statement should show each delivery made to him by the Superintendent noting separately the loss in each operation.

In view of the Regulations which will shortly be issued from this Office, and in order that a complete record may be kept of Mint operations, I have asked for similar statements from all the Mints and Assay offices.

The statement presented

by Mr Booth, mentioned in your
letter of yesterday, has not as yet
been received.

Very respectfully
H. Bindersman
Director

Hon. Jas Pollock
Supt. Mines
Philadelphia

Director of the Mint
(Lin duman)
Dec 9/73

Coiner's Statement
of operations should
show each delivery
made to him by the
Supt, noting separ-
ately the loss in
each operation.

[See Director's letter
of Nov. 7, 1873.]

Rec^d Dec 10/73

Official

Treasury Department,
BUREAU OF
Engraving and Printing

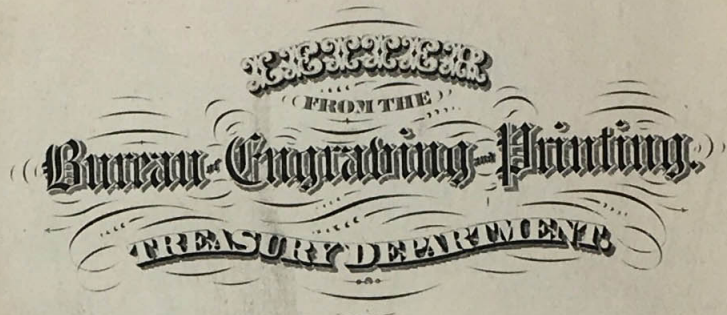
Wm. Jarvis Pollock,
Superintendent,
260 S. 4th St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: I forward today per
Chas. Spruells a parcel
containing Gold Dust for
which I will hand you
to return the equivalent in
Gold and.

I will also hand you
to forward me Fifty (50) ounces

of Silver, either drop or
Coin, advising me what
amount I shall remit in
Greenbacks.

Very respectfully,
Geo. W. Bunker
Chief of Bureau



Dated Dec 9. 1873

Received

Subject.

Forward a box of
fragments of gold leaf
for coinage

Rec'd Dec 20/73

Bureau of Engraving and Printing
Treasury Department

1873

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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Treasury Department,

(Bureau Engraving-Printing.)

12th August 1875.

Hon. James Galloek,
Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.:

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me at your early convenience if I can obtain any "trade dollars" from you, and if so what amount I shall send you.

Very respectfully, &c,
Geo. L. W. Carter

G B McCarter
Supt Bureau Eng & Tr. Treas Dept
12 Aug 1875.

Inquiring if he can
get Trade Dollars.

Rec'd 13 Aug 75

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December 10, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Section 42 of the Coinage act, provides that "once at least in every year, and at such time as the Director shall appoint, there shall be an accurate and full settlement of the accounts of the forner and Melter and Refiner".

The regulations soon to be printed will prescribe the close of each fiscal year as the time for the settlement, at all Mints and

and the Assay Office New York, required by the above section.

It has been the custom to make the settlement at the Mint at Philadelphia and Assay Office New York at the close of the calendar year. The change contemplated will make the next settlement cover a period of eighteen months, unless a settlement be made at the close of the calendar year.

I will thank you to confer with the Coiner and Melter and Refiner, and give me your views as to the propriety of having a settlement at the usual

usual time in view of that
to be made at the close of
the fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

A. Rinderman
Director.

Directa of the Mint
(Linderman)
Dec 10/73

The new Regulations
will require the Annual
Settlement to be made
at the Close of the fiscal
year. Desiring the views
of the Supt, Coiner, and
M. & R. as to the pro-
-priety of making a
Settlement in this instance
at the Close of the cur-
-rent calendar year.

[Letters from M & R.
& Coiner, filed herein.]

Rec'd Dec 11/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December 9th 1873.

Sir -

I am in receipt of a letter from John P. Money, Esq dated the 8th instanc, requesting two hundred (200) copies of my annual report.

I have sent you by Express this day 120 copies.

As there is a large demand for them, and the supply somewhat limited I cannot at present supply the full amount of your requisition.

Hon James Pollock
Superintendent &c
Philadelphia Pa.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. Linderman
Director

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Dec 9/73

Forwards by
Ex/press 120 copies
Director's Annual
Report - cannot
spare more.

Recd Dec 10/73

Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA.

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

11. Dec. 1873

Hon. James Pollock

Supdt. U. S. M. at Ph.

Dear Sir,

In response to the letter of the Director of 10th Inst. in regard to closure of accounts, I respectfully suggest that for many years past we have made our annual closure at the end of March, because we had found a less pressing demand for business at that season, & that this period is only 3 months before the term which the Director designs, — that with ^{the} present unprecedented business, we could not close with current calendar year, without having a temporary bullion fund of many millions of dollars, to avoid inconveniencing the public, & that we might expect

a less heavy demand in the Spring, —
that our present system of determining
losses, very nearly, on every lot melted
has proved so satisfactory in general
as to make us feel less anxious about a
final & legally exact closure of accounts.

In the course of a few days I shall
exhibit to the Director a tabular view
of these separate workings to the end of
September, as requested by him in a
letter of Oct. or Nov.

Nevertheless, if the Director still urges
a settlement this year (we had one in the
calendar year, last April to Mar. 30)
I shall have such settlement made in
my department of the Mint.

Respectfully yours
J. C. Booth
M & R.

Melter & Refiner
(Booth)

Dec 11. 1873

In reply to Directors
letter on closure of
accounts &c.

Recd Dec 16. 1873

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letter of December
11, 1873 to end of
roll with end
sign

Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA.

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

11 December. 1873

Hon. James Pollock

Suptd't. U. S. M. at Phil

Dear Sir,

Because a lot of Silver will only make one half its value of coin after 3 @ 6 days melting, assaying, and coining, — one fourth in 3 @ 4 days more one eighth in 3 or 4 more & so on, — so that not less than 10 @ 20 days may be counted on as requisite to complete the coinage of a lot, say of 20 @ 30,000 ~~ozs~~ — and because other similar lots are often received in close succession, — therefore in order to obviate the clamor of depositors for return in coin as soon as possible, it appears to me that our Bullion Fund to pay depositors should not be less in Silver than \$750,000 =

much better a Million, and that the Gold Fund should not be less than \$2 @ \$2¹/₂ Million of Dollars to meet payments of deposits made during the processes of Coinage. The multiplication of mints will not affect the result of quicker returns in coinage unless accompanied by the increased Bullion fund, & with such increase there is no need of such multiplication of needless expenditures by the Govt.

May I solicit you to draw the attention of the Director to this point as the Key to the solution of difficulties in rapid repayment of deposits.

Respectfully yours
J A C Booth
M A R

Melter & Refiner
(Booth)

Dec 11. 1873

Silver deposits, and
increase of Bullion
fund, &c

Recd Dec 15. 1873

National State Bank of Troy,

HENRY INGRAM, President,
WILLARD GAY, Cashier.

TROY, N. Y.,

Dec 10 1873

To the Director of the
United States Mint
Philadelphia Pa
Dear Sir.

Please send per
Express to my address.

40 pieces .50^c Silver ea

12 " 5.00⁰⁰ Gold ea

both of the Coinage of 1873.

for which, please
send Gold & Silver \$50.

Respy

E. M. Wood

National State Bank

Troy

N. Y.

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E. D. W. Wood
Nat State BK
Box N. 3
Dec 10/73

Enclosing gold
check for \$80.
to exchange for
new gold and
silver coins.

Rec Dec 12/73

American Medals and Cabinet Coins

Coinage Act of 1873,
and
Regulations Approved
by
the Director of the Mint.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia 1873

All inquiries, orders and remittances must be sent to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

The Medals and Coins will be in the responsible custody of one of his clerks, who will also attend to the orders, reply to letters and keep the accounts.

Rules.

1. The price of Medals, proof coins, pattern pieces &c. shall be fixed by the Superintendent of the Mint with the approval of the Director.
2. No coins or pattern pieces shall be struck after the year of their date, or in any other metal or alloy than that in which the coin was issued or intended to be issued, except experimental pieces in copper or other soft metal to prove the dies, under the direction of the Superintendent. The dies shall be defaced at the end of each year, and such impressions as the Engraver may find necessary.

to take while preparing the dies shall be destroyed in the presence of the Superintendent when the dies are finished.

- 3 When a pattern piece is adopted and used in the regular coinage in the same year, it will then be issued as a Proof, at a price near its current value, or if it comes out early in the year it will be placed in the regular proof Set. The Superintendent will furnish without charge on application therefor, a Pattern piece to any incorporated Numismatic Society in the United States. In such cases, if the pattern is in Gold or Silver, the value of the Metal will be required.
- 4 The price of the regular Proof-Set of Gold ^{coins} will be Forty Three Dollars in Gold; the Proof-Set of Silver and Minor Coins, Three Dollars in Silver, or the equivalent in currency.

A list of Medals ~~and Coins~~ with the price thereof is annexed

[Signature]

[Signature]
Superintendent

Gold Medals, payable in Gold Coin; Silver Medals, payable in Silver Coin; Bronze Medals, in U. S. Notes.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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THOS. T. ECKERT, Gen'l Sup't,
NEW YORK.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't,
GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y. } NEW YORK.

Dated Boston Dec 10 1873

Received at S. E. cor. 3d and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia.

To Jas Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Thanks for gold recd all
right Except the ten
Dollar pieces which were
the Coinage of Seventy
two I will send you
four hundred dollars
Double Eagles and
feel obliged if you will
Exchange them for tens of twenty
three

Harrison G Hunt
Paying Teller Subbalt Nat Bk

Blank No. 1.

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NEW YORK.

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GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y. } NEW YORK.

Dated

Boston *Dec 11* 187*3*

Received at S. E. cor. 3d and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia.

To

James Pollock

*Director of the
mint*

*Can you Exchange
gold as requested
in yesterday's telegram
answer*

Harrison G Hunt

1 apd

H. G. Hunt

Boon Meier

Dec 10/73

Wants to exchange
\$400. in Eagles
7/1872 for Eagles
7/1873.

I answered —
Cannot Exchange
J.P.

Recd Dec 10/73

WILLIAM W. ALTER.

Harleigh Lehigh Coal;

ALSO, LOBBERRY AND LOCUST MOUNTAIN.

DEPOT. 957 NORTH NINTH STREET, BELOW GIRARD AVENUE.

OFFICE, Corner Sixth and Spring Garden.

Philadelphia, Dec 15th 1873
Ex. Gov. Jas. Pollock

My Dear Sir
I do
propose to Furnish the U.S. Mint
& Refiners Department with Birds
Eye Corned Ridge Lehigh Coal
of such quality as I have furn-
ished this Month, @ \$7.00 per
2240 lbs Cleaned & Well
prepared. I also propose

to furnish the coal for
the Engines from the Hardest
Veins of Honey Brook
Lough Coal free from
all impurities delivered
at 77.10 per Ton 2240 lbs
all the coal to be prepared
the same as for Family
Use.

The Contract for
the Melter & Refiners to
commence this Month,
and the Engine Coal on
1st Jan'y

Respectfully
Yours W. H. Alter

Bid for coal

W. W. Allen
6th & Fallers Mills
Phila.
Dec 13/73

Bid for Budd's
Exp. Cement Ridge
Schuch Coal at
\$7. per ton of
2240 lb

(Recalled Dec 26/73.)

Office of the Saxonville Mills,

J. W. BLAKE, Treasurer, 7½ BEACON STREET,
Near Tremont House,

Boston, ~~Sept~~ 13th 1873.

Mr. James Pollock. Supt
Phila.

Dear Sir

On the 3^d of the
month I sent you on some Silver
to be coined

I weighed it very -
carefully, and made it 688 oz.
your return before melting is
627.35 oz. a difference of nearly
61 oz. can you give me any
light, on the subject. and
much oblige

Yours truly.
W. K. Simpson.
7½ Beacon St.
Boston

It was sent by "Adams Exp."

W. K. Simpson
Boston

Man
Dec 13/73

Complains of deficient
weight of deposit of
silver bullion.

Rec'd Dec 15/73

Mod.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December, 12, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of December, 1873, has been approved for the sum of six thousand dollars, from the following appropriation, viz:

Contingent expenses, 1874-	\$6,000. ⁰⁰
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Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Dec. 12/73

Special requisition
for \$6,000. for incidental
expenses for Dec. 1873,
has been approved.

Rec'd Dec 13/73

C. H. ROGERS,
President.

CHARTERED 1846.

Capital, \$200,000.
Surplus, \$500,000.

JOHN CASTNER,
Cashier.

TRADESMENS NATIONAL BANK,

113 South Third Street,

Philadelphia, Dec 12 1873

To the Director of
U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

A valued Correspondent,
has sent us 7500 large Gold
to send the Mint in exchange
for 2 1/2 pieces, unused ones.
Will you please inform the
branch where we can have
them - Yours Very
Sincerely
C. H. Rogers

Tradesman's Nat.
Bank asking to
Exchange \$2500. large
gold for Dr. Eaper.
Dec 12/73.

Memo cannot Exchange.
Will receive as a deposit
& pay in Dr. Eaper. & do
deposit - J

Dec 12/73

W.B.S.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December 12, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. covering a communication to the Secretary of the Treasury transmitting C/S No. 398 for the sum of \$25,000, on account of profits in Minor Coinage, and to inform you that the enclosures have been forwarded to their proper destination.

Very respectfully,
A. Linderman
Director.

Alcanta y the Mint
(Lindum)
Dec 12/73

C/D. Dec. 11/73
No. 398. \$25,000. -
an ac min
conveys profits, etc
forwarded to Secy
Aug.

Rec'd Dec 13/73

MSD.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December, 12, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock.
Supt. U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have to call your attention to a letter from this Office under date of the 1st inst, signed by the Secretary of the Treasury, relative to certain discrepancies between the list of your employes furnished and the official Register of this Office, and to request a reply at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,
A. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
L.

Dec 12/73

Wants answer to
letter of Dec 1/73
about differences
in List of Employers.

Recd Dec 13/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December 12th 1873.

Sir,

I send you by this days mail Blank forms for the Gold and Silver workings in the Coiners Department; also forms entitled "Minor coins redeemed, reissued and executed", for the monthly statements required from your institution.

Blank forms for monthly statements from the Minter and Refiner are now in the hands of the printer, and will be forwarded as soon as received.

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent &
Philadelphia
Pa,

I am Sir, very respectfully
A. Linderman
Director.

Minutes of the Mint
(L.)

Dec 12/73

Forward blank
forms for Gold and
Silver Workings in
Coiners' Department.

Also for monthly
statements, various
Coins received,
exchanged & issued.

Rec'd Dec 13/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Dec. 12th, 1872.

Hon. James Tallock
Supt Mint U.S.

Philadelphia

Sir

I Enclose duplicate
bills for services rendered
during the month of December.
Would you oblige by paying
these bills so that I may
receive the money, Monday morning.
Dr Linderman will be at
the Mint to morrow.

Very respectfully
M. Davis

M. V. Davis
Mint Bureau

Washington D.C.

Dec 12/73

Enclosing duplicate
Voucher for salary for
Dec/73 \$ and
desiring payment

Recd Dec 13/73

Department of the Mint

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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NEW YORK.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't,
GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y. } NEW YORK.

Dated Washn Dec 12 1875

Received at S. E. cor. 3d and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia. 10 30

To Hon Jas Pollock
Supt U.S. Mint,
Phila

Requisition dated yesterday
Calls for Six thousand
Dollars and Letter
of transmittal in name
Eight thousand if latter
is correct send
requisition accordingly

A. R. Linderman
Director
3 Collect put rate

Directed of the Court
(Linderman)

Dec 12/73

Is acquisition right
for \$6,000. or \$8,000.?

Rec'd Dec 12/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Dec. 12th, 1873.

Sir

As the time is near at hand when specimens can no longer be struck from experimental trade dollar dies made during the present year, you are hereby authorized to strike such number of pieces as will meet the usual demand.

You will be careful to see that the regulations are strictly observed in the striking and disposition of these pieces.

Yours James Pollock
Supt Mint U.S.

Very respectfully
H. B. Linderman

Philadelphia Pa.

Director

From Director
Authorizing the
Striking of Experimental
pieces from the Trade
dollar Experimental
dies &c

Dec. 12. 1873

Rec'd Dec. 15. 1873

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, December 12th 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent.

Sir;

In reply to as much of the Director's letter of the 10th inst, as relates to Annual Settlement, in this Department, I have the honor to state that all the Annual Settlements since I have been connected with my present position, have, with the exception of 1869 and 1870, taken place on the thirty-first (31st) of March.

The settlement of 1869 took place on the tenth (10th) of April, and that of 1870 on the twenty-fourth of May.

The close of the fiscal year is, in my judgement, for many reasons, the most convenient and proper time for the settlement to take place. The change from our present indefinite periods is a very wise one.

To make a settlement on the first (1st) of January, as suggested in the Director's letter, would be a change from the usual time, and

make the settlement for nine (9) months work instead of twelve (12). Besides the pressure upon us will without doubt continue beyond the first (1st) of the coming year and make it very inconvenient to depositors, to stop the currency at that time. It would require about one week or two at most, for me to make a full settlement. The Melter and Refiner would, as you are aware, consume much more time, which would to a great extent interfere with the operations of this Department.

If it is deemed necessary to have a settlement before the close of the present fiscal year, I would respectfully recommend that it take place at the close of a twelve (12) months' working, to wit; - on March thirty-first (31st) 1874.

I can see no great objection to a postponement of the settlement until the thirtieth (30th) of June - as it would only cover fifteen (15) months' work.

I am however prepared to obey any order on this subject, and will with pleasure have my settlement at any time that the Director may see fit to suggest.

I am Very Truly Your Obedient Servant

J. Gordon Murray
" " Corner.

Minr of the U. S. at Philadelphia
Circinr to Superintendent
dnt on change of time
of Annual Settlement to
close of fiscal year &

Dec 12th 1873.

Copy sent to Director Dec 15/73

J

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Dec. 11th, 1873.

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday, enclosing Medal regulations and price list.

The same are hereby approved, and you are instructed to have the Circular printed and ready for distribution as soon as may be convenient.

I will thank you when printed to send 100 copies to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman

Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt Mint U.S.
Philadelphia Pa.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)
Dec 11/73

Approving revised
Medal Circular &
directing it to be
printed

Wants 100 copies.

Rec'd Dec 12/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Dec. 11th, 1873.

Sir

I will thank you to furnish this office with the following statements:

Amount of old material sold during Quarter ending Sept. 30. 1873.

Profits arising from manufacture and sale of medals, proof and specimen coins for same period.

In order that the amounts arising from these two items may be properly credited to the Earnings of your Mint, I think it advisable that similar statements be rendered quarterly hereafter.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt Mint US
Philad^a Pa.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Directing the Audit
(Linderman)
Dec. 11/73

Wants report of
old materials sold
and metal & proof
coin profits - falls
grants ending
Sept 30. 1873; and
grants thereafter.

Rec Dec 12/73

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, December 11th. 1873

Hon. James Pollock

Superintendent U. S. Mint.

Sir:

I would respectfully urge upon your attention the importance of erecting new annealing furnaces which are absolutely required to meet the large coinage now demanded at our hands.

The furnaces at present in use, are only equal to about seventy five (75) per cent of the general capacity of the Department. It must be apparent therefore, that there is a very great loss of time and money arising from this defect.

Four furnaces could be erected by carrying out the North East corner of the Mint building so as to form a right angle with the East and West line of the present structure. If the North West line were so carried out (which would be valuable and much needed by the Melters & Refiner) the architectural beauty of the building would be improved, rather than impaired by the change.

I cannot at present, give any estimate of the cost (although I should not think it could be very great) as the materials including the marble facings now employed could be used in the new line of wall.

This improvement would also give us additional room in

the cleaning room, which is much needed.

The erection of new furnaces for annealing fillets, and
planchets I deem essential to the efficient and economical transaction
of the work imposed upon this Department.

I have the honor
to remain,

Your Obedt Servant
A. Gordon Howard
Coiner

Annealing furnace
U. S. Mount at Phil^a

Comer to Sept. on
the necessity of erecting
more Annealing furnaces
etc.

Dec 11th 1873

Re Dec 15/73

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Decem^r 11 1873

Hon: James Pollock
Superintendent &c. &c.

Sir

Agreeably to instructions at sundry times from the Director of the Mint, I request you to forward the following results of single coins of gold and silver sent here for assay. Also, of single pieces of our own coinage, taken out of deliveries, for special assay.

Gold.

			fine
Carson Mint,	Double Eagle,	July coinage,	900.3
"	"	August "	900.0
"	"	September "	900.2
San Francisco Mint,	"	July "	900.2
"	"	August "	900.3
"	"	September "	900.2
"	"	October "	900.0

Mint of the United States,
PHILADELPHIA.

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JAMES POLLOCK,

Superintendent.

Subject

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Mint of the United States.

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Gold, (continued.)

Philadelphia Mint, Doub. Eagle, August,	fine	900.3
" " do.		900.0
" " September		900.1
" " do.		900.2
" " October		900.0
" " do.		900.5
" " Quar. Eagle Novem ^r		900.0
" " Gold Sol. do.		900.0

Silver.

Carson Mint, Trade Sol.	July coinge	897.5
" " do.		899.5
" " Half Sol.	do.	899.5
" " Trade Sol.	August "	898.5
" " Half Sol.	do "	898.5
" " Trade Sol.	Septem ^r "	900.5
" " Half Sol.	do. "	898.5

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PHILADELPHIA.

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JAMES POLLOCK,

Superintendent.

Subject

No. of Enclosures,

Mint of the United States.

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Silver (continued)

San Francisco Mint - Trade Sol.	- August,	899.2
" "	Septem ^r	900.2
" Half Sol.	do.	899.2
" Trade Sol.	October	900.5
Philadelphia Mint - "	Septem ^r	899.2
" "	do.	900.2
" Dime	Novem ^r	899.5
" Quar. Sol.	do.	899.2

It is proper I should state, as an apology for this accumulation of items, that some of the coins were not received here until November; and others, although assayed before, came in the midst of a pressure of silver coinage, and while I was absent a short time in August; also during the absence of the Director, and the Superintendent, on a tour of duty in the West. In future I

Mint of the United States,
PHILADELPHIA.

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JAMES POLLOCK,

Superintendent.

Subject

No. of Enclosures,

Mint of the United States.

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Philadelphia, _____ 187—

shall be careful to report more promptly,
in the spirit of the Regulation.

It will be seen that one piece,
a trade dollar of Carson, July coinage,
although within the limit, makes too great
a departure from the standard. ($897\frac{1}{2}$.)

This and other pieces from there, came to us
in November. It was assayed by cutting,
and finally by melting and granulation;
with no higher result.

Very respectfully
your obed^t servant

Wm E DuBois
Assayer

Mint of the United States,
PHILADELPHIA.

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JAMES POLLOCK,

Superintendent.

Subject

No. of Enclosures,

Wm. C. DuBois
Assayer
U.S. Mint - Dec 11/73
Philadelphia

Report of assay of
Test coins from the
3 Mints, from July
1873 to Nov. 1873,
inclusive.

Rec'd Dec 11/73

ALL SALES SUBJECT TO OUR
MONTHLY PRICES.

SHARPE, WEISS & CO.,
Council Ridge Coal Office,

136 WALNUT STREET, BELOW SECOND ST.

Philadelphia, Dec 11 1873

Hon Jas Pollock Supt U S Mints

Phil

Dear Sir

In reply to a note from Mr Booth just rec.
enquiring whether we could furnish Council Ridge St & B Coal
and prices. We would say that we can furnish you with
the Council Ridge St & B Coal (mined exclusively by us) of same
quality furnished to St Mints some years since at 6⁷⁵
per ton of 2240 lb. delivered at St Mints at such times
and in such quantities as required. We have a large
quantity always on hand in this City.

Hoping to receive your order we remain

Yours Truly Sharpe, Weiss & Co
Per G B Newton

Bid for Coal

Sharp, Weids & Co
136 Walnut St, Phila-
del 11/73

Bids for Council
Ridge Schist Coal
\$6.75 per long ton.

Rec'd Dec 12/73

HAMMOND & POUND,

Bankers and Brokers.

C. HAMMOND,
E. H. POUND.

Tipton, Iowa, 12/11 1873

Mr H. R. Linderman, Director of the Mint,

Dear Sir:

Please inform me upon
what terms you will furnish \$100⁰⁰
Silver, say \$50⁰⁰ 10^c per + \$50⁰⁰ 25^c per. Would
like this amount to Respectfully
from a nucleus for change, Charles Hammond

Refered to Mr Pollock
for reply —

H R L
Sir,

Charles Hammond
Hammond & Sons
Lipton
Iowa

Dec 11/93

Want Subsidiary
Silver coins

Prize Coin Answer

Rec'd Dec 13, 1893

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December 16, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your request for an increase of the silver bullion fund of your mint will receive early attention.

Very respectfully,
A. B. Wideman
Director.

Director of the Mint
L.

Dec 16. 1873

Request for in-
crease of Bullion
Fund will receive
early attention.

Recd Dec 17. 1873

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December 16, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 15th inst, I have to state that inasmuch as yourself the Melter and Refiner and the former do not regard an annual settlement of accounts at your mint at the usual time (under the old law) as necessary, the settlement will not be made until the close of the fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

A. S. Linderman

Director.

Director of the Mint
L.

Dec 16, 1873

The annual settlement will not be made until the close of fiscal year.

Recd Dec 17, 1873

Official

Treasury Department,
BUREAU OF
Engraving and Printing

16 Dec. 1873

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Supto of U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: I have this day
received per Express the
sum of \$32.94, proceeds
in Gold coin from
Gold Leaf sent upon
office by this Bureau.
Please accept thanks
for the prompt accommodation.
Very respectfully Edw. M. Clarke
Chief of Bureau

Geo P McLantie
Bureau of Engraving
Rec Washington
16/73

ALB

Acknowledging the
receipt of \$32.94 gold
coin, proceeds of
gold leaf deposited
at Mint, with thanks
for promptness.

Rec'd Dec 17. 1870

All Official Letters to the Department proper must be addressed to the "Secretary of the Treasury," and in replying to Letters from the Department the initials on the upper left-hand corner should be referred to.

re

Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C., December 16, 1873

Sir:

Respectfully referring to my letter of July 7, 1873 I will thank you to forward to this office at your earliest convenience the account therein referred to.

Very respectfully
W. A. Richardson
Secretary

James Pollock Esq
Superintendent of
the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Sec'y Treasury
Dec 17/73

Wants Statement
of Receipts & Disbursements
of light & gold coin
up to July 1, 1873,
Called for in his
letter of July 7/73

Rec'd Dec 17/73

MSD.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December 16, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock.
Supt. U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following nomination, changes and increase of compensation, submitted in your letter of the 12th inst., are hereby approved. viz:

Annie Carroll, Scrubber @ \$1.²⁵ per diem, to take effect October, 1873.

J. J. Beckman, Melter, compensation increased to \$3.⁷⁵ per diem, vice:

W. Williams, to take effect Aug. 9. 73.

H. Schauer, compensation increased to \$3.⁵⁰ per diem. May. 30. 1873.

T. B. Cave, Melter, compensation increased to \$3.²⁵ per diem, June. 30. 1873.

A. McEwen, Melter, Compensation increased
to \$3.²⁵ per diem, Sept. 30. 1873.

D. J. Smith, Melter, Compensation increased
to \$3.²⁵ per diem, Sept. 30. 1873.

J. W. Helfrich, ^{Coiner's Dept.} Compensation increased to
\$3.⁷⁵ per diem, May. 30. 1873.

A. Rowley, compensation increased
to \$3.⁰⁰ per diem, Nov. 1. 1873.

Albert Singer, Compensation increased
to \$2.⁷⁵ per diem, Sept. 1. 1873.

Very respectfully,

H. Lindemann

Director.

Director of the Mint
L.

Dec 16. 1873

Approving sundry
changes and ap-
pointments trans-
mitted in letter of
12th inst.

Recd Dec 17. 1873

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Dec. 16th, 1872.

Sir

Immediately after the close of the present Quarter, I will thank you to furnish this Office with a Statement showing the operations of your Mint for the Quarters ending Sept. 30th and Dec. 31. 1872, and for the Quarters ending Sept. 30th and Dec. 31. 1873.

This statement should show the amount of Gold and Silver bullion operated upon in each quarter, the Gold, Silver and Minor coinage (pieces and value), value and kind of bars prepared, earnings from all sources, expenditures and any other information that may suggest itself, by way of showing reasons for

increase of expenses. The information
is requested in order to explain to
the Committee of Appropriations
the cause for increased expenditures,
and deficiencies asked for in consequence
thereof.

Very respectfully

W. B. Linderman

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Min. U.S.
Philadelphia

Director

Directors of the Mint
L.

Dec 16/73

Want Statement of
operations for quarters
Ending Sept. 30, & Dec 31/72
also do do do 1/73
to explain to Com. & Con-
gress reasons for in-
creased expenses &c

Recd Dec 17/73

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1873/DECEMBER

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1873 / DECEMBER (CONT.)

Treasury of the United States,

CASH DIVISION,

Washington

Dec. 19th 1873.

Sir

I forward to you this day by Express under direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.

One bag containing Counterfeit coin

Gold 1 of \$10. \$10.

109 \$5 545.

Silver 124 \$1. 124.

1 .50

2 of 25 .50

\$680.00

The direction of the Secretary is, that this Counterfeit

Coin be forwarded to you with request to cause its proceeds

to be deposited with the Assistant Treasurer, U.S. as a Miscel-

-laneous Receipt, being proceeds of a bag of counterfeit

coin deposited in the Treasury by M.C. Young.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury May 10. 1849.

Hon Jas Pollock Very Respectfully
Superintendent U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa

L. J. Smith
Asst Treas. U.S.

Ass't Treas U.S.
(Tuttle)

Washington D.C.
Dec 19 / 73

Forwarded by Express
bag of gold dust & sweepings
to be coined, and de-
posited with Asst
Treas U.S. at Phila^a
as a miscellaneous
receipt.

Rec'd Dec 20 / 73

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December 17, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, in relation to purchases of supplies. The plan you have adopted, of addressing letters to the principle dealers for articles that may be required, is the proper one, and is preferable to advertising as it enables you to obtain the quality, &c, required.

Referring to the letter of the Melter and Refiner, which you enclosed

enclosed), I would state that a leading dealer in your city quotes the price of acids for the last three months as follows: Oil of vitriol 66°, 2½ cts per pound; Nitric Acid, 9½ per pound, which is less than the prices paid by the mint during the same period.

The price for buckskin mitts, \$22 per dozen, appears to be high, and competition for the same should be invited.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)

Dec 14, 1843.

Approves Supts plan,
in purchasing supplies,
also thinks that price
paid by mint for acids,
and Buckskin Mitts
is too high & that
competition for the same
should be invited.

Recd Dec 18th 1843,

Mod.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Dec. 17, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following changes and increase of compensation, submitted in your letter of the 16th instant, are hereby approved, viz:

1. John C. Maxwell, transferred to duty as Doorkeeper, compensation reduced to \$2.75 per diem.
2. Geo. W. Brown, transferred to duty as Conductor, compensation increased to \$3.50 per diem.
3. Jos. Hanna, Gate Keeper, compensation increased to \$3.00 per diem.

Very respectfully,
A. B. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint,
(Linderman)

Dec 17, 1873.

Approves following changes
& increase of compensation
viz. J. E. Maxwell transf-
-ferred as Door Keeper
Comp - reduced to \$2.75 per diem.

Geo W Brown, transferred
to duties of Conductor.
Compensation increased
to \$3.50 per diem.

Jos. Hanna, Gate Keeper
Compensation increased
to 3.00 per diem.

Rec'd Dec 18th 1873.

Mint of the United States,

AT PHILADELPHIA

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

18.th December 1873

We have sold to C. J. Grease 340 carboys of Cent-cleaning liquor during the last four years @ 25¢. per carboy.

We have also sold old worn out crucibles chiefly to Hook, since the 21 May-73, but the last lot, for which we rec^d \$15.50 was sold to a man in Wilmington, whose name was omitted in the rush of business, at that time. I think the price of the last was \$1.20 or \$1.25.

The account of sales stands thus:

Nov 8 C. J. Grease cent cleaning liquor			
	340 carboys @ 25¢ =		\$ 85.00
May. 22.	Hook, crucibles, 24 @ 1		24.00
July 14	" " 10 @ 1.15		11.50
Nov. 10	" " (18) @ 1		18.00
15	Mrs Boulter, broken fire brick		3.50
29	Wilmington. crucibles 3 @ 1		15.50
Paid, 18. Dec. 1873 to Suptd.			\$ 157.50

Brought over

\$ 157.50

June. Sold 2 loads coal to

~~Montgomery~~ @ 2.80
Richard Stuart

5.60

(\$ 163.10)

James C Booth
Melter & Refiner

Mellin & Refiner
Dec 18/73

Explaining certain
Sales of old materials

Rec'd Dec 19/73

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Decr 17 1873

Hon. James Pollock, Supdt.

Sir

To explain this Bill from Professor Morton, Pres^t of the Stereus Institute at Hoboken, I have to state, that on learning that the London Mint was experimenting upon the use of the Spectroscope (& its accessories) for the assay of Gold, Silver, &c. and wishing not to be behind in any real improvement, I considered it proper to make similar experiments. As the apparatus is expensive, I thought it best to obtain its use from Prof. Morton, & accordingly I sent one of our young men, W. Outbridge, who has made a special study of the

Spectroscope, and Spectrum Analysis.
He spent four days there, in
November last, and we now
have a bill of ten dollars for
the use of the same; and for
the materials consumed. His
results give us a better idea of
what may eventually turn up,
but as yet they lead to no change
in our modes of assaying.

The charge is fair & reasonable,
and I have to inquire, whether
it shall be paid by a Bill
against our Ordinary Account,
or whether I shall pay it
out of moneys rec^d for assaying
ores &c.

Very respectfully

Wm E DuRoi

Dec 17/73 Approved & bill to be Assayer
paid out of the fund selected to be retained by Wm
DuRoi. Dec 17/73 J. H. Pollock Secy

M^r. E. DuBois

Assayed

Dec 17/73

Enquirer art 7 what
found to pay \$10.
Expense for Experiments
with Spectrum analyzer
- do. -

In answer to file. B. Sup

Recd Dec 17/73

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blanks of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the following message.

THOS. T. ECKERT, Gen'l Sup't, }
NEW YORK. }

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, }
GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y. } NEW YORK.

Dated Washington Dc Dec 18 187

Received at S. E. cor. 3d and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia / 235
To Hon Jas Pollock

Dept of Mint
Phila Pa

What amount of coinage
in half & quarter
dollars and dimes can
you execute per month
without availing ordinary gold
coinage answer at earliest
convenience

H R Linderman
Director of the mint
41 collect Govt rate

From

Director to

Supt asking how
many $\frac{1}{2}$ dollar & 1
dollar & dimes per

month can be come
without interfering
with gold coinage

Dec 18. 1873

To the Auditor

Dec 18. 1873 R^d

S.G.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, Dec^r. 18th, 1873.

Sir:

I beg to hand you herewith a memorandum of my Ledger balances of the "Nickel" account, and to request that you enter opposite each balance the condition of the account as shown by your books.

On November 30, 1872, my balance was \$265,246.¹³/₁₀₀, + \$703.⁹⁸/₁₀₀ charged in December = \$265,949.²/₁₀₀.

Your balance Nov. 30, 1872 was as follows.

Redemption Ac. ✓ \$210,389.62

Reissue Ac. 23,740,

Melting Ac. 31,819.73

credit Dec 12/72 your .36

\$265,949.71

Where differences arise between Nov 30, 1872 and Nov. 30, 1873, will you kindly inform me in what they consist?

Very Respectfully,

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. of Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.

L. B. Smith
Asst. Treas. U.S.

Asst Treas U.S.
(Tuttle)
Washington D.C.

Ask Explanation
of Nickel Account
Nov. 30. 1872, and
Nov. 30. 1873.

Dec 28/73 Answer
JP

Rec'd Dec 18/73

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December 19, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Your attention is invited to the three sets of metric weights sent to your mint for comparison with the standard weights some time since, and you are requested, if the comparison has been made and their accuracy ascertained, to return two of the sets to this office, retaining one set for use in the mint.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(L.) Dec 19/73

Requests Examination
- tion of 3 sets of
Metric weights for-
- warded to the Mint,
I report thereon.

One set to be
retained by the
Mint. The other
two sets to be
forwarded to the
Director of the Mint.

Dec 31/73 Report sent to Dir.

also two sets of the weights as
directed. J. P. S. Jr

Recd Dec 20/73

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December 19th, 1873.

Sir - I have received your letter of the 18th instants calling my attention to an alloy resembling silver, recently patented in this country.

On inquiring at the Patent Office, I find that there was no sample of the alloy filed with the application.

I obtained however, a printed copy of the specification, in which the component parts of the alloy are stated, and which I enclose for your information

Hon James Pollock.

Superintendent &c.
Philadelphia Pa.

information.

I will thank you to cause such experiments to be made with this alloy as shall determine how far it is, - in the hands of dishonest persons, - adapted for manufacture into coin resembling the silver coin, and the means of distinguishing it from silver; and to report the results thereof to this office.

You will also please furnish a small ingot made according to the specification of the inventor.

I am &c. very respectfully
H. Robinson
Director.

Directed to the Mint
(L) Dec 19/73

Enclosing printed
copy of Specification
of patented method
of making imitation
silver; and requests
Examination & Assays
and report thereon.

Recd Dec 20/73

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December 19, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with your request of the 17th inst, I enclose herewith "Statement of US gold coins deposited at US mint Philadelphia for recoinage."

Please return the statement to this office.

Very respectfully,

H. Linderman
Director

Director of the Mint
(L) Dec. 19/73

Towards original
Statement of the Re-
coining of light gold
coin; to be copied
and returned to Di-
rector of the Mint.

Recd Dec 20/73

Mint of the United States,

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19th 1873.

Hon James Pollock
Superintendent.
Sir;

In reply to the telegram of the Director requesting the monthly capacity of this Department in the coinage of Halves, Quarters and Dimes, - in conjunction with the ordinary gold coinage, - I would state that it can only be given approximately - I think however, that it would be quite safe to promise,

\$150,000 in Half Dollars. 300,000 pieces.

100,000 " Quarters " 400,000 "

50,000 " Dimes 500,000 "

No mention is made of the Trade Dollar. If it were found necessary I presume I could add to the above coinage of Halves, Quarters and Dimes, - from \$50,000 to \$100,000 in Trade Dollars, per month. beside carrying on our usual work on Gold and Union Coinage -

If the whole force of the Department was employed upon the Subsidiary Silver, and

ordinary Gold coinage, I should think we might add twenty per cent to the figures given above - as the monthly capacity on halves, quarters and dimes.

This estimate does not contemplate over time -

I have the honor to remain

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servt.

Borden Borden
" " Corner

(Coiner)

U. S. Mint, Phila.

Dec 19. 1873

Capacity of his
Department for coin-
ing Halves, Quarters
and dimes, in con-
junction with the
regular coinage of
Gold &c.

Recd Dec 19 1873

True.

Treasury of the United States,

CASH DIVISION,

Washington Dec. 19th 1873

Sir;

I forward you this day by Express,
U. S. Gold Coin below the least current weight
and Foreign Gold Coin, amounting to \$30,005.75
as shown in the Schedule appended.

Forwarded in compliance with instructions
of the Secretary of the Treasury of 16th inst.
and is charged in account as a transfer
of funds to U. S. Mint.

Further remittances of light Coin will be
made, under same instructions, as rapidly as
examination can be made.

Very respectfully,

Hon. Jas. Pollock,

Supt. U. S. Mint, Phila.
Pa.

L. B. Smith

Asst. Treas. U. S.

Schedule of light weight and mutilated U.S. Gold Coin.

Dollar	24.
1/4 Eagle	29 20.
1/2 do	14.39 0.
Eagle	8.61 0.
Double do	<u>180.</u> \$26.124.

Foreign Gold Coin.

1	Italian 20 Lire	3.84
1	Ducat	2.28
1	50 Franc piece	9.61
129	20 " " @ 3.846	496.13
43 1/2	10 Guilder " @ 3.99 1/2	173.78
13 1/2	Doubloons @ 15.52.9	209.64
549	Sovereigns @ 4.86	2668.14
131	1/2 " @ 2.43	<u>318.33</u> \$3.881.75
Total		<u>\$30.005.75.</u>

Asst Treas. U.S.
(Tuttle)
Washington D.C.
Dec 19/73

Advising of the
shipment by Express
of \$30,005.75 light
gold coin, for recording
a deposit, as per Sec-
retary's letter of the
16th of December,
with the Asst Treas
U.S. at New York.

Rec'd Dec 20/73

copy
Custom House, Milwaukee, Wis.,

Collector's Office, December 19, 1873.

Sir:

I have forwarded to you this day by Express a package of Gold Coin amounting to the nominal value of (\$457) Four Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars, received at this port for duties on imports, which appears from actual weight by scales furnished this office by the Treasury Department, to fall below the legal limit as to weight prescribed by the Coinage Act of 1873 promulgated by Treasury Dept. Circular of April 1. 1873 (Dept No. 42, Ind. Treas. Dir. No 13.) and which I am instructed by above circular, and also letter from the Secretary of the Treasury dated November 3^d 1873, to forward to the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia or San Francisco Cal. whichever is nearest & most convenient.

I have to request you in accordance with

Collector.

Milwaukee, Wis.,

, 187 .

Relating to

No. of Enclosures

Custom House, Milwaukee, Wis.,

Collector's Office, _____, 187 .

the above circular, to deposit with the U.S.
Asst. Treasurer at Philadelphia in my name
from the bullion fund of your office, an amount
equal to the value of these coins at legal
weight, and to return the certificates of deposit
in duplicate, for the actual value of the coin -

Very respectfully,

Your obt. Servt
Geo. Stevens

Collector of Customs

Hon. James Pollock

Superintendent, U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Geo C. Stevens

Collector.

Milwaukee, Wis.,

December 19, 1873.

Relating to Package of
Gold Coin #457 -
under Current Weight -

[Dep't #452 ⁴⁷ Dec 30/73.]

Rec'd Dec 22 1873.

No. of Enclosures

Comptroller &
Asst. Comptroller.

Treasury Department
1872.

No. 18. TREA

Dec 20. 1873

Mr Cat who is Superintendent
of the Minor Trusts & Will's
Hospital Trust of the City
of Philad^a has asked me
to Certify to the fact, and that
he is authorized to order
Medals to be struck for the
Dodd Legacy and to receive
the same - giving a warrant
on the City Treasurer for the
same - This is in pursuance
of his duty & authority.

Respectfully
Attest: Chairman
of Commission Will's Hospital & Minor Trusts

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December 20, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst, covering letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury and Certificate of Deposit for \$163¹⁰ on ac of old material sold, which letter and certificate have been forwarded as requested.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Receipt of the Mint
(L) Dec 20/73

G.D. Dec 19. \$163 ¹⁰/₁₀₀
for old materials
sold, rec'd & for-
warded to Sec'y
Treasury.

Rec Dec 22/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Dec. 20th, 1873.

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday enclosing statements of Deposits and purchases, and bars manufactured during the month of November.

There are still due this Office, Monthly statements for October and November showing the localities from whence the Deposits of Gold and Silver bullion are derived

Very respectfully
A. Robinson
Director

Hon. James Pollock
Supt Mint &c.

Phila^{da}

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)

Dec 20. 1873

Statement of Deposits
and purchases & bars
manufactured during
the month of November
received

-2

Recd Dec 20 1873

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Dec. 20th, 1878.

Sir

In reply to Yours of yesterday relative to an omission from my Annual Report of the Amount received at Your Mint from Assays of Ore during the fiscal year Ending June 30. 1878, I have to say that no report covering the above item was ever received at this Office.

Prior to the making up of the Annual Report, Circular letters were sent to the Mints and Assay Offices asking for a Statement of Earnings from all sources. The only Institution that embraced in its Earnings the Amount derived from private assays, was the New York Assay Office.

I think it advisable hereafter

to embrace in your Quarterly statement
of Earnings and Expenditures, the amount
received during Each Quarter from
Assays of ores as well as your
medal profits and amount received
from sale of old material

I will make a note of
the item of last years receipts
from the source alluded to, in the
first appropriate statement and have
the latter printed. An opportunity
to do this, will it is expected,
occur next month.

Very respectfully
W. R. Linderman

Hon. James Talbot
Supt Mint US

Director

Philadelphia

Director of the Mint
(L) Dec 20/73

No statement of
fees for assays &
ores was rec^d for
the Annual Report.

Quarterly statements
to be made henceforth.

Rec^d Dec 22/73

Philada. Dec 22nd 1873.

Hon. James Pollock

Gov. U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

We will furnish
Coal at the U. S. Mint at the
following prices viz.

"Council Ridge" Schuyl. St. Boat
or Broken for melting, and good
quality Schuyl. Broken or Egg. (same
as now furnished) for Boilers, at
Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per ton 2240 lbs.
To be delivered in good ^{Condition} at such times
as required.

Respectfully

Yours Sincerely
Jas. B. Hancock & Co
S. E. 9th & Grand Sts

Bid for coal

Jos. B. Hancock & Co.
S. E. Co 9th & Callowhill
Phil -

Dec 22. 1873

Bid for coal
Schuch & Co. per ton
7 2,240 lbs.

Recd Dec 23/74

Treasury Department.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December 22, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt U S Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.
Sir:

At all government institutions using coal, &c, there are, so far as my knowledge extends, platform scales for weighing that and other articles. If room for putting one in place for the use of the Mint is available, I suggest that you furnish me with an estimate of the cost in order that the item may be included in the estimates of appropriations soon to be sent to

to Congress.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)

Dec 22. 1873.

Relative to plat-
form scales for
weighing coal at
the Mint.

Recd Dec 23. 1873.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Dec 23, 1873,

My dear Sir,

You will please
reserve six set of the
experimented Silver dollars
for officers of the Treasury
Dept. one set for the
Sec. of the Navy,

I have some doubts
as to the policy of charging
anything more for
specimen coins than
a small profit on their
Actual Cost. say 25%

It has been complained
from various sources
hardly worth while
to endure for so small
a gain to the Treasury

If you should think
proper to put the price
down to 1⁵⁰ ~~to~~ 1⁷⁵

You are authorized
to do it.

I have requested
the Davis to confer with
you upon the subject.

Very Truly
H. R. L.

From
Hon Hon H. R. Linden-
Man. Dir

asking that Seven
Sets of Pattern Trade
Labels be sent to him
for Office of the Treasury
Dept. & Sec. of Navy

Dec 23/73

12.50 agreed

R^d Dec 24/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December 23, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

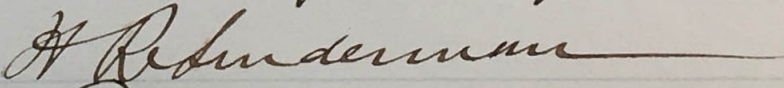
The demand for silver coin to be sent to Texas continues quite large, and I have to request that you will enforce the working of eight hours per diem, in order that the law may be complied with and the demand for silver coin met without an extra demand upon the appropriations.

Will you please inform me of what the silver coinage will

will amount to during the balance
of the month?

I am awaiting a report from
Superintendent LaGrange, as to the
mode of transporting silver bullion
East, before requesting an in-
crease to your silver bullion
fund. This is intended to
give it to you in fine silver
bars if possible.

Very respectfully,

H. B. S. 
Director.

8 hours

Directa of the Mint
L Dec 23/73

Demand for Silver
Coinage requires
that the working of
Eight hours per diem
should be enforced.

Recd Dec 24/73

Brookwich Chenango Co. N.Y.
Dec 23^d 1873-

Hon. Jas Pollock
Sup. of U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

I herewith
enclose P.O. order for \$7. for two
Silver Proof sets of 1874-

Very Respectfully

John Swan Randall

Mrs Swan Randall
Norwich
Chenango
N.Y.

Decr 23/73

Prof. Coles

P.O. Order collected
Decr/29

Norwich Chenango Co N. Y.

Dec 27th 1873

Hon. James Pollock
Sup. of the Mint

Dear Sir

In answer
to your favour of the 26th inst I beg
that you will retain the \$7. sent by
P.O. order on the 23rd inst and the
\$10. sent by similar order since,
until you can conveniently file
the orders.

Very Respectfully

John Swan Randall

For Swan Randall
Norwich
NY

Dec 27. 1873

Norwich Chenango Co. N. Y.
Dec. 26th 1873

Hon James Pollock
Sup. of U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

I sent an order
to you a few days ago for two Silver
Proof set of 1874. I now herewith inclose
a P.O. order for \$10 - for which will you
please to send me, when you fill the
above mentioned order, one set of the
Silver nickel & copper pieces of 1874
designed for circulation and as many
of the Trade dollars of 1874 (Silver)
as the money sent will pay for -
And Oblige

Yours Respectfully

John Swan Randall

Jno Swan Randall
Norwich

Chicago Co
N.Y.

Decr 26th/₇₃

Coin.

P.O. order collected
Decr 29th/₇₃

S. I.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, December 23rd 1873.

Sir: Referring to your letter of 20th inst, in relation to the account of light gold coins sent to the Mint for recoinage, I have to say, that on the books of This Office the whole amount sent at any given time, is charged to ^{the} Mint as a Transfer of Funds. From time to time the amount lost by recoinage is stated in an account in your favor, and drawn from appropriation for reimbursing such loss. The deposit is made here and your account is credited as a Transfer of Funds to This Office.

Thus of \$30.005.⁷⁵/₁₀₀ charged to you as a Transfer, you would have credit for proceeds sent to Asst. Treas. New York, as a Transfer \$29.950. say, and Transfer to This Office by account stated in your favor for amount lost, say \$55.⁷⁵/₁₀₀, which would close the account.

Very Respectfully,

Superintendent U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

L. B. Smith
Asst. Treas. U.S.

Asst Treasurer U.S.
(Little)

Dec 23, 1872

Relative to light
gold coin sent to
the Mint for re-
coinage. How it
is charged.

Recd Dec 24, 1872

MS.
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Dec. 24, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock.
Supt. U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia. Pa.
Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution for the month of January, 1874, has been approved for the sum of \$38,158.³⁴, from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries, — 1874 —	3,158.34
Wages of Workmen, 1874 —	25,000.00
Contingent Expenses, 1874 —	10,000.00

Very respectfully,
A. B. Lindeman
Director.

Director of the Mint
L. J. Dec 24/73

Requisition #38,158³⁴
for January 1874, rec
and approved.

Recd Dec 25/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December 23, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Chpt US Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

If you have the rates
of charges on bullion, &c,
at your institution printed,
please send me a few
copies.

Very respectfully,
H. Chapman
Director.

Director of the Mint
L Dec 23/73

Wants printed
copy of charges, if
they are in print.

Recd Dec 24/73.

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December 23, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt us mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

All gains arising from charges for assays, and any grains or sweepings from the Assayer's department, will be turned over to the Superintendent from time to time, and by him paid into the treasury of the United States as other gains are paid at least twice in every fiscal year.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Direct to the Agent
L. Dec 22/73

Gains from assay,
gains, or sweepings, in
Assay Dept to be
turned over to the Dept
from time to time, & by
him paid to the U.S.
Treasury at least once
every six months.

Rec'd Dec 24/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December 26, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.
Sir:

The printed table of charges in force at the New York assay office concludes with the following paragraph:

Whether silver contained in gold, or gold in silver, is to be separated for the benefit or at the expense of the depositor, unless the value of the parted metal exceeds the expenses of the operation, estimated according to the above charges, one dollar or more.

This

This does not conform to the regulations prescribed to take effect July 1st 1873. Please inform me whether the same interpretation as that at New York has been given at your mint.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Object of the Mint
by Du Bois
L. Dec 26/73
Morgan

Enquires if a Certificate
could be ^{changed to} regulating Separation
of gold and silver in use
at N. Y. Assay Office,
prevails at the Phil^a
Mint.

Recd Dec 29/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December 26, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 23rd instant,
in reference to the old reducing ma-
chine in the hands of Mr Barber,
has been received.

I am inclined to think that
the machine should be returned
to the mint and kept there.

As intimated by you, it should
not be left with Mr Barber
unless paid for. If the latter
course is pursued, competition
for its purchase should be
afforded.

The shortest and most direct way would be to have the machine returned to the mint, and the propriety of selling it afterwards considered and determined. As the case now stands the machine, if used, undoubtedly conflicts with the law.

Very respectfully,
H. Reinderman
Director.

Wicetia of the Unit
Dec 26/73

The old reducing
machine in the
hands of Mr. Barker
should be returned
to the Unit.

Recd Dec 27/73

WILLIAM W. ALTER.

Harleigh Lehigh Coal;

ALSO, LOBERRY AND LOCUST MOUNTAIN.

DEPOT. 957 NORTH NINTH STREET, BELOW GIRARD AVENUE.

OFFICE, Corner Sixth and Spring Garden.

Philadelphia, Dec 26th 1873

Hon James. Pollock
Supt United States Mint

My Dear Sir In
reference to the proposed
Contract to take effect 1st
of Jan'y next. I respectfully
recall my previous letter
naming the proposed price
of seven (+) dollars and making

it Six²⁵/₁₀₀ (\$6.75) dollars, for
Egg or Broken for both
Melters & Refiners and the
Engines. I find that I can
Contract for the Coal at a
less price, so that I can
furnish the Coal to the Mint
at a lower price than mentioned
in my previous letter, Hoping
that I may hear favourably
from you. I Remain
Yours very Respectfully
W. W. Alter

Bid for Coal

Wm. W. Allen
6th & Hallawhitte
Dec 26/73

Bid for Schuyler at
\$675 per long ton.

Recd Dec 27/73

Tompkins Co. National Bank.



Ithaca, Dec 26 1873

Director of United States Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir :

I inclose for
collection and remittance. *Summa in United*
States 3 Bags No 1. 2. 3.
Contents:
No 1 & 2, silver 'half dimes' \$56311
No 3 three cent piece 24370
900.

Please remit proceeds by draft
on Asst Treas New York

Very
Respectfully
Yours

Jamieson Co. Nat-
-ional Bank,
Ithaca

N. Y.

Dec. 26/73

Forwards $\frac{1}{2}$ Express
\$900. in silver
5 $\frac{1}{2}$ & 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ pieces
for redemption in
currency.

Rec'd Dec 29/73

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.,

St. Louis,

Dec 26th, 1875.

Sir:

By direction of the Hon.
Secretary of the Treasury, I have
this day forwarded by Adams
Express Company to your address
Seven Hundred and One Thousand
(\$70,000) Dollars, in U. S. gold
Coin.

Very respectfully,
Edw. Swannick
Assistant Treasurer

James Pollock Esq.
Capt. U. S. Art.
Philadelphia,
Penn.

Office of Ass't Treasurer U. S.,

ST. LOUIS,

December 26, 1873.

A. G. Edwards

Assistant Treasurer.

Notifying Supr that
\$700,000 light gold coins
had been sent by Express,
for re-coining, See Secy of
the Treasury's letter Dec 16/73

Rec Dec 30. 1873.

No. of Enclosures

Assay grains from Carson Min

Free thro S.M.D.

Hon James Pollock
Supt U S Mint

Philadelphia
Pa

84.



MSD
Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Dec. 29, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:
I have this day sent to your
address per Adams Express Co, one
package containing ^{chips} ~~Assay~~ grains
from the Carson Mint, which you
will please assay & return the
value in coin to this Office.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Dec 30. 1873 Recd the above chips and
grains from Supt Pollock

W E Davis Assayer

Director of the Mint
L. Dec. 29. 1873

Forwarded by Express
chips and grams from
the San Francisco Mint, for
assay - the value
in coin to be for-
warded to the Director.

Rec'd Dec 30/73

Bull on found
in the possession
of H B Slocum
1843

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Dec. 27, 1873.

Hon. James Pollock,
Supr. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday enclosing a Communication to the Secretary of the Treasury with \$447 for \$1250 on account of profits of the Medal fund, and to inform you that the same have been forwarded to their proper destination.

Very respectfully,
A. Linderman
Director.

Directed by the Mint
(L) Dec 26/73

6/10. Dec 26/73 for
\$1,250. Medal
profits rec'd &
forwarded to the
Treasury.

Rec'd Dec 29/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

Dec 27., 1873.

Hon James Pollock,

Supt. U. S. Mint. Phil^a:

Dear Sir,

The Secretary of the Navy
desiring one of the
Assay medals of 1873,
in Silver, aluminum
or bronze. I will thank
you to forward me one
with a Bill for the
required charge, & ship

Very Respectfully
H Linderman
Director,

Director of the Mint
(Linderman)

Dec. 27/73

Request for an
Assay medal of 1873
for Secretary of the
Navy.

Rec'd.

Dec. 29/73

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December 29, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Supt US Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.
Sir:

On examining the records of mint correspondence turned over to this office by the Secretary of the Treasury soon after its organization, I find that it covers the period of time which has elapsed since July 1, 1834. It appears to be understood that the correspondence prior to that time was destroyed by a fire in the old Treasury building in 1833.

I deem it important that copies of the correspondence between the mint and the treasury and other Departments of the government should be filed in this office, and the records completed as far as possible.

I will thank you, therefore, to cause to be neatly copied in a book (forwarded to you today by Adams Express) all the letters received and sent by the Director from the organization of the mint to June 30th 1834.

The consideration of this matter brings to my mind the fact that there has been kept in the assay department notes of important

matters connected with the manipulation of the precious metals and coinage of this and other countries, copies of which would be of great value to this office.

They present also the conclusions of the well stored mind and ripe experience of the late Jacob R Eckfeldt. With the consent of the assayer, I should like also carefully prepared copies of the notes in question.

If this work cannot be conveniently done by the clerks now employed, you are authorized to employ a suitable person for the purpose at a compensation of \$6⁰⁰ per diem, payable out of the appropriation

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for wages of workmen).

This appointment will be submitted
in due form and regarded as
temporary.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

p 6 from p 5 changed by Director Linderman himself
Dec 30/13 in my presence & J. P. S. J. P. S.

Director of the Mint

Dec. 29th 1873

Requesting that the
correspondence of
the Mint, from its
establishment to June
30th 1834, be copied in
a Book; & authorizing
the employment of a
Clerk therefor at \$6⁰⁰ per
diem.

Rec'd

Dec. 30th 1873

Feb. 29. 1873

My dear Sir,

I would be glad
if I'm would undertake
the work required by
my letter of this date.
He writes a very
legible hand & can
set it up in good

shape.

My letter does
not refer to the Treasurers
correspondence - I do not
regard that as of
any particular
importance referring as
it does only to a paper, but
the Directors correspondence
is the only history
of our Mount Zion
Society.
Yours truly
A. B. L.

H. R. Lindemann
Sir.

Dec 29/73

namely J. C. Plunk as
the clerk

Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

December 29, 1873.

Hon James Pollock,
Superintendent,
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:

At my request Mr Conant, of the Secretary's office, Mr Preston, of the 1st Auditor's office, and Mr Johannes, of this office, visit the mint and will examine its condition, the mode of doing business, &c.

Please afford them every facility for the performance of their duty.

Very respectfully,
H. Linderman
Director.

Director of the Mint
L Dec 29/73

Accordingly Messrs
Conant, Preston &
Johann of the
Treasury Dept who
will be examining
the workings of the
Mint.

Recd Dec 30/73



ENOS W. TAFT,

General Insurance Agent.

No. 3 Bank Block, College Street.

Burlington, Vt., 29th Dec. 1873.

Hon. Jas. P. Falloch
Sup't U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

Will you please

\$ 6. ⁰⁰/₁₀₀

send me by Exp.

2. Proof Sets of 1873

"Washington & Lincoln" - 2 } ✓

"Washington & Grant" - 2 } ✓

"Washington wreath" - 2

"Lincoln & Grant" - 2 } ✓

"Lincoln Broken Column" 3 } ✓

N^o 46 - (Medal Dist) - 25¢ } ✓

" 69 - do - 25¢ } ✓

" 65 - do - 1. ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ } ✓

" 66 - do - 1. ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ } ✓

11. Silver Medals @ 30¢ each

3. ³⁰/₁₀₀

2. ⁵⁰/₁₀₀

\$ 11. ⁸⁰/₁₀₀

I send the money by Exp. to-morrow

Will you also send me Mint Report for 1873

Yours Respi

Enos W. Taft

Box 75

Enos H. Lott
Burlington
Or

Dec 29/1873



ENOS M. J. & Co.

General Merchandise & Groceries

CAPITAL PAID UP \$400,000

First National Bank of Grand Rapids

Grand Rapids, Mich. Dec 29 1873

Quinton W. S. Mink

Philadelphia Dear Sir

1873

I wish a proof set of
Coins 1^c 2^c 3^c 5^c 10^c 20^c 50^c 1.00
and two copies of the Trade Dollar.

I enclose dft on New York five dollars
which I trust will cover the expense of the
same

Very Respectfully Yours
W. H. Post
Teller 1st Nat. Bk. G. R.

W. G. Post

Grand Rapids

Mich

Dec 29 1873

Jan'y 5 1874

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Jan'y 2 1874

Sir

Yours of the 29th of December, enclosing draft for \$5.00 for 1 silver proof set and 2 trade dollars, is at hand.

As the price of the proof set is \$3.00 in silver or \$3.50 currency, and the price of a ^{proof} trade dollar is \$1.50 silver or \$1.75 currency you will have to send us two dollars more before we can fill your order.

Yours Respectfully,
James Pollock

Superintendent
for Bogel

H. G. Post Esq
Trust Natl Bk
Grand Rapids
Mich

Grand Rapids Jan 5 1874

Excuse my ignorance of price. I enclose \$2.00 H. G. Post

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 30th Dec. 1873

Hon. James Pollock

Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Phil^a

Sir,

In conformity with your wish the Undersigned have examined the three sets of Weights received from the Treasury Department, comparatively with the Standard Troy pound, by comparing them singly and combined with a set of grain weights constructed in the Mint, & verified with the Standard Troy pound. Not having a set of grain weights with less fractional divisions than the $\frac{1}{100}$ grain, we supplemented the want by milligrammes & their $\frac{1}{10}$'s, which had been verified.

A combination of 50 grms. from the three boxes should weigh 771.60 grms. or 1.6075 oz. Troy; the actual weight was 1.6076 oz. on our large standard balance, an excess of $\frac{1}{16000}$ of the weight. or $\frac{1}{32000}$ of the total load.

The standard weight of 5 grms. is 77.160 grains

The 5 gm weight of box 1 is 77.163 "

—— " ——— 2 " 77.163 "

—— " ——— 3 " 77.160 "

The 5 gm. weight of No 3 was taken as a standard.

3 + 2 gm. weights = Standard + .0001 gm. (Box 1)

do do = do + .0001 " (Box 2)

do do = do + .0001 " (Box 3)

4 + 1 gm. weights = do . ——— (Box 1)

do do = do + .0001 (Box 2)

do do = do + .0001 (Box 3)

4. + .4 + .3 + .2 + .1 = do . ——— (Box 1)

do — do — = do + .00005 (Box 2)

do — do — = do + .0001 (Box 3)

All these were tried on an Apsay balance, and since the greatest deviation is about $\frac{1}{100,000}$ of the total loading of the balance, we do not deem it to be beyond what should ~~may be fairly~~ be tolerated for all practical purposes.

J. C. Booth,
M & R.

W. E. Dubois
Assayer.

J. L. Pollock
Sup.

Melter & Refiner, and
Assayer of the Mint.

Dec 30. 1873

Report on
Examination of three
sets of weights from
the Treas. Dep. in
comparison with the
standard Hog scales
etc

Rec'd Dec 30. 1873

(Copy)

Mint of the United States.
Melting and Refining Department
Philadelphia, 30th Dec. 1873

Hon James Pollock

Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Phila

Sir

In conformity with your wish the undersigned have examined the three sets of weights received from the Treasury Department, comparatively with the standard Troy Pound, by comparing them singly and combined with a set of grain weights constructed in the Mint and verified with the standard Troy Pound. Not having a set of grain weights with less fractional divisions than the $\frac{1}{1000}$ grain, we supplemented the want by milligrammes and their $\frac{1}{10}$ s, which had been verified.

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do do = do + .0001 " (Bot 3)

4+1 gm weights = do _____ (Bot 1)

do do = do + .0001 (Bot 2)

do do = do - + .0001 (Bot 3)

4+.4+.3+.2+.1 = do + _____ (Bot 1)

do - do = do - .00005 (Bot 2)

do - do _____ do + .0001 Bot 3

all these were tried on an
assay balance, and since the
greatest deviation is about $\frac{1}{100,000}$
of the total loading of the balance,
we do not deem it to be beyond
what should be tolerated for
all practical purposes.

(signed)	Jas. C. Booth	W. E. Dubois	Jas Pollock
	M. S. R	assayer	Supt.

Copy
Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Dec. 31 1873

No. of Papers,

Subject, Examination
of 3 sets of weights
rec'd. from Treasury
Department, by
M. & R. Assayer &
Supt.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The rules of this Company require that all messages received for transmission, shall be written on the message blank of the Company, under and subject to the conditions printed thereon, which conditions have been agreed to by the sender of the message.

THOS. T. ECKERT, Gen'l Supt,
NEW YORK.

WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, } NEW YORK.
GEO. H. MUMFORD, Sec'y, }

Dated New York Dec 30 1873

Received at S. E. cor. 3d and Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia. 11 24

To James Pollock
Superintendent Phila

Send all the half
dollars you possibly
can by this afternoon
train we must have
them here for delivery
tomorrow morning.
Transactions based on
your telegram of yesterday
The Express Co. has agreed
to bring them over tonight
4 P.M. Govt. Co. acton supt

1st Assay office
New York

Dec 30, 1873

Send all the Half
Dollars you can
to day.

Recd Dec 30, 1873

General Freight Department # 3/30

Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway

Addison Hills, General Freight Agent
CLEVELAND, O.

Chas. M. Gray, Asst. General Freight Agent.
CHICAGO, ILL.

Cleveland, O. Dec 30 1873

James Pollock Esq
Supt U.S. Mint

Dr Sir:

The Mint Circular in relation to "American Medals and Cabinet Coins" under date of Dec 24/73. was duly rec'd for which please accept thanks, and now, if not too much trouble will you please to answer the following questions. viz You say the Mint has no Colonial Coins, and at present no Pattern Pieces for sale, please inform me when the Mint will have some Pattern Pieces for sale? Also what Proof Coins can I purchase at the Mint and at what price? Also where can I procure a copy of the "Report of the Mint" for 1873, when it is issued? Hoping I am not intruding too much upon

General Freight Department

3/30

Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway

Addison Hills, General Freight Agent
CLEVELAND, O.

Chas M. Gray, Asst. General Freight Agent.
CHICAGO, ILL.

Cleveland, O.

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your time, for I merely want
the information for my own
benefit, as a collector of coins.
Awaiting your reply
I remain

Yours Respy
W. F. Smith
14 Maple St
Cleveland
O.

W. F. Smith
Cleveland
Ohio

Dec 30. 1873

Address this envelope to
W. F. Smith
Cleveland Ohio

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 187

Phil^a is but a manufacturing establishment, capable of executing a certain amount of work in a given time, and that altho it can double its work with exertion & a little more time, yet that, when it is called upon to do 4 times as much as usual, either the existing force of men must work over-time, or new hands must be employed. The former is greatly preferable on the score of economy & security, if the enlarged business is only temporary.

The figures in the annexed tables represent a very large amount of work, daily carried on, in my Office, independent of the work done by our operatives. A single sum given in the tables represents often 20 to 30 weighings of various parcels, 20 to 50 calculations, and daily reexaminations of calculations & often reweighings. This branch of business has been chiefly executed by M^r John Mirkil, employed in the Office with a foreman's wages, altho' performing very responsible clerical duties. Before constructing the annexed tables

I calculated the whole work to standard weights, where it had not been done, & hence, this work, between the heavy work of the Mint during the last two months, has caused a delay in completing the tables. I hope to perfect this method of determining the condition of my department so as to make a monthly statement or oftener, & probably still more complete.

The amount of work involved in the duties of my office has been performed by M^{rs} N. B. Boyd, M^r John Mirkil & myself, and it has demanded much more than the usually allotted time from the two former, rarely more from myself. I do not know how it would have been possible for me to have conducted such an amount of work, & of such a nature, without the accuracy, constant watchfulness, enterprise & integrity of those two.

It now remains only to explain some points in the annexed tables. All ~~the~~ figures (except the ratio) are standard weights. The ratio is the proportion of loss to the weight delivered by me to the Superintendent.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia,

187 —

You will observe that the amount operated on, ^{in gold} being an aggregate of the separate workings from the end of April, that is, the sum of the larger deposits is — 2,115,130.79 oz. Amount debited to me. 1. April to 30 Sept. 2,259,158.83 " This shows that the aggregate of larger deposits nearly equals the whole amount charged to me. The average wastage on the former $\frac{1}{4}$ of a 1000 cannot therefore be materially modified by an exact & complete settlement.

The aggregate amount charged to me in Silver for the whole period from last settlement to 30. Sept. ~~was~~ is 2,019,726.88 oz. I did not commence the system of examining the separate workings of Silver until I had tried the plan for the Gold, & hence I will only here compare the aggregate of large lots for Aug. & Sept. with the total charged to me during the Quarter (1. July to 30 Sept.) since the charges are summed up only at the end of the quarter.

Tot

(over)

Total charged to me for the Quarter 840,620.64 oz.
Total aggregates tried for Aug. & Sept. 784,120.40 "

This shows that our aggregate workings nearly correspond to the amount charged for the same time. I think it may be assumed that the average wastage of .0012 represents nearly enough that of the whole amt.

The legal limit of wastage is .0015.

I may observe that as it is impossible to separate the sweep of each lot, the amount of gold & silver in the sweep, will tend to reduce the ratios of loss.

The few cases of gain noticed in the tables were due to the interlacing of small portions of two different lots, almost unavoidable from the extraordinary amount & rapidity of work.

I think you will agree with me, that the statements in the tables show on the whole satisfactory workings, and indicate that further experience will further perfect the system.

Very respectfully yours
James C. Booth
M. & R.

Melton & Refiner
(Bouth)

Dec 31. 1873.

Tabular results in
working gold and
silver to end of
Sept 1873. from last
settlement in April
1873. &c

Recd Dec 31. 1873

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, 31st December 1873

Hon. James Pollock

Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Phila.

Dear Sir,

I take pleasure in putting into your hands the annexed tabular results of working Gold & Silver to the end of Sept 1873 from the last settlement in April 1873. In order to ascertain frequently through the year the condition of my Department, - viz. the amounts operated on and the losses incident thereto, - I established a system of determining the losses on each larger lot of bullion delivered to me by the Superintendent, beginning with Gold in April and with Silver in ^{August} ~~September~~. This plan was the most practicable for a commencement, because the bullion was generally received in large lots, the Gold in lots of about \$1,000,000 = & the Silver in lots of 20,000 to 50,000 oz. The annexed tables do not therefore represent the total amounts operated on during the periods named, but only the aggregate of large deposits; nevertheless

nevertheless the aggregates show a near approximation to the total amount operated on, and I do not perceive how a thorough settlement, such as the law contemplates can alter the results materially, except more favorably than my results now show. The results of refining by acid are not embraced in these tables, except in part, for in the few cases of refining by acid which have been carried on our results were too unsatisfactory to record, indicating errors, which the enormous business of melting in the two quarters left us no leisure to sift. The results are presented, not as perfect, but as approximations to truth, warranting confidence in them, and showing good working in the melting department.

We are still prosecuting methods of frequently testing the workings of this department, to perfect them in facility & accuracy of execution. The greatest drawback has hitherto been the rapid succession of avalanches of Gold and Silver, leaving us no time for quiet calculation, and rectification of errors. It is too often forgotten that the Mint at Phila

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Dec^r 30 1873

Hon James Pollock
Superintendent & &
Sir

I have made an examination of the two counterfeit half dollars brought by you from the Police of San Francisco.

They are both of the right weight; that is, within the legal tolerance.

They are struck with dies fac-simile to the genuine; evidently made by the patent drop process lately offered for sale here. The reverse die bears the mint-mark S.

The color is not uniform, and not white enough; although no doubt finished in a silvering battery.

Being cut, they are found to be ~~very~~ short and granular; and probably had to be struck hot, to prevent their cracking.

On being assayed, they are found to contain no silver; they are composed chiefly of copper, mixed with tin and zinc. This is rather an unusual mixture for this purpose.

The specific gravity being much below that of standard silver, it was necessary to make them thick, to keep up the weight: and this comparison alone is sufficient to show their falsity, to any eye. The genuine half dollar is 57 thousandths of an inch thick; this piece is 70; nearly one fourth too thick.

On the whole, they could hardly pass except in a dim light.

I have preserved one piece for the Mint Collection.

Very respectfully
Wm E DuBois
Assayer

(Assayer)

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Dec 30 1873

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Dollars from San-
Francisco,

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